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- When the honor guard passes with the American flag in the parade, or when the flag is raised or lowered on the Village Green, everyone should stop what they're doing, stand, face the flag, and put their hand over their heart. Men should remove their hats, too. Parents should call their children's attention to the flag and show them how to properly honor it.

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- If you're in the parade and throwing candy, always throw it into the crowd, not onto the street. If you're watching the parade, stay well back from the street and *never* let your children dart into the street to get candy.

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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Andover Fourth Of July Celebration Schedule Of Events

JULY 3

- **6:30 PM:** Andover Girl Scouts lower the flag on the Village Green

JULY 4

- **6 AM-1 PM:** No parking on North St nor on the south (eastbound) side of Main St between Jake's and Pizza Chef
- **7-10 AM:** Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, AE/MS
- **8 AM-5 PM:** Flea Market on the Village Green
- **8-9 AM:** Firecracker 5K Foot Race registration at Blackwater Park
- **9 AM:** Firecracker 5K Foot Race on the Rail Trail starts at Blackwater Park
- **9 AM:** Church Service at the Andover Fire House
- **9 AM:** Closest to the Pin Drive at Carr Field to benefit Andover One Wheelers
- **9-11 AM:** Parade Registration at the Proctor Field House
- **9 AM-2 PM:** Blood pressure checks at Andover Fire House
- **10 AM:** Opening Ceremonies at the Reviewing Stand on the Green
 - Flag Raising by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
 - Invocation by David Grover
 - National Anthem sung by Margo Coolidge
- **10:15 AM:** Firecracker 5K Foot Race awards at the Reviewing Stand

on North Street, then west on Main

- **1 PM:** Barnyard Bingo to benefit the Andover Outing Club
- **1:15-2 PM:** Long Tail

- **10:30-11:15 AM:** Kearsarge Community Band performs at the Reviewing Stand
- **10:30-11:30 AM:** Judging of parade entries
- **11 AM:** Children's Parade forms at the Pro-Claim Building
- **11:15 AM:** Andover One Wheelers at Lawrence & Main
- **11:30 AM:** Judging of Children's Parade
- **Noon:** Patriotic Medley sung by Margo Coolidge and Nancy Tripp at the Reviewing Stand
- **Noon:** Parade leaves Proctor Field House and proceeds east and south
- Monkeys perform at the Reviewing Stand
- **2-2:30 PM:** Living Stones and Teen Challenge Men's Choir perform at Andover Fire House
- **2:30 PM:** Championship Baseball Game, Corson Field
- **6-10 PM:** AE/MS parking lot reserved for handicap-stickered vehicles only
- **7-8:30 PM:** Andover Service Club and Andover Girl Scouts Ice Cream Social on the Village Green
- **Dusk:** Fireworks
Rain date: July 6 (fireworks only!)

FOURTH OF JULY PARKING

- From 6 AM to 1 PM there will be no parking on North Street nor on the south (eastbound) side of Main Street between Jake's Market and Pizza Chef.
- From 6 PM to 10 PM on July 4 the Andover Elementary/Middle School parking lot will be for handicap-stickered vehicles only.

CROSS ONLY AT CROSSWALKS

- The Village Green will be blocked off by rope along Main Street to keep pedestrians from crossing Main Street except at the crosswalks at each end of the Village Green (at Lawrence Street and just east of Jake's Market).

RAIL TRAIL CLOSED AT LAWRENCE ST.

- After the Firecracker 5K Foot Race on the Rail Trail, the trail will be closed from Short Street to Lawrence Street until 8 AM on July 6. This will allow the fireworks to be set up safely.

BIG PLANS AROUND TOWN FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

By Judy Perreault
Andover Fourth of July Committee

The people of Andover should be very proud of themselves for the wonderful Independence Day celebration that they make possible by their generous donations. Other towns much larger than ours are cancelling because of budget issues or do not even have a celebration. Folks here are having their share of hard times, but even if it was just a few dollars, they still made a donation.

independence, and it is something to celebrate. It's pretty special to see our flag with it's crisp red, white, and blue colors flying proudly over the Village Green. Hope to see those colors everywhere on the Fourth.

Americans fought hard for their

Since the Fourth falls on a Sunday this year, there will be a church service at 9 AM next to the fire station.

Our parade theme this year is *The Great Outdoors*. Anyone can enter a float. There are eight prize-winning categories:

See Fourth on page 4



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For more information: Judy Perreault • 735-5493

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Rail Trail Tunnel Installed Under Route 11 In Potter Place

By Lindy Heim
Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

People were out on Route 11 on June 16 and 17 excitedly watching the construction site on either side of the Northern Rail Trail passing under Route 11 at Potter Place. Over a two-day period, a giant crane hoisted each concrete arch out of the truck queue, then aimed the concrete legs gingerly toward the grooves of the precast foundation below. One at a time, the giant arches were guided home to produce the 78-foot tunnel.

The headers at either end were the last to arrive and the most dramatic, because each has the words "Northern Railroad" in five-inch lettering engraved over the passageway, a tribute to times past and a key component to the tunnel's overall curb appeal.

This construction is a tribute to future times as well. Extra heavy foundations are a part of the plan to accommodate double-stacked freight service to the northeast corridor, should that come to pass. The arches would simply be removed, the 12' tall pedestal foundations extended to just below road grade, and a simple slab concrete bridge placed to increase the vertical clearance by four feet.

Looking back, the Northern Railroad was built in 1847 and acquired by the Boston and Maine railroad in 1887. It offered passenger service until 1965 and freight service until the early 1970s. According to Ed Hiller of the Andover Historical Society, there was no bridge at this location until 1956 when the Route 11 highway bypass around Potter Place was constructed to go over the Boston and Maine tracks and Depot Street. In 1996, the state of New Hampshire bought the railroad right of way, leading to recreational use of the rail bed thereafter.

Route 11 used to follow what is now Cilleyville Road. The old Fourth New Hampshire Turnpike (Route 4), whose construction started in 1800, went along Depot Street, passed the railroad station, and continued north through part of Wilmot towards Danbury.

The new underground passage is a tremendous improvement over the corrugated metal culverts that are so prevalent elsewhere. The 24' span by 6' rise concrete arch



Photos: Lindy Heim (left), Marty McAuliff

of Weaver Brothers in Bow. Beck and Bellucci, a subcontractor of Weaver Brothers, displayed their experience as the bridge crew set the 11 arch units that weighed 35,000 pounds each and the two precast headwalls that weighed 22,000 pounds each.

According to Steve Wolf, the Northern New England Manager for CONTECH, "the primary advantage to a single-span buried arch structure versus the triple-span conventional bridges that were removed is far less maintenance for the DOT bridge crews and resulting savings to New Hampshire taxpayers. Another factor is that a buried arch structure is less susceptible to freezing before the road surface as commonly occurs with a conventional bridge that is exposed to subfreezing temperatures from underneath."

bridge units were engineered and provided by CONTECH Construction Products of New London and pre-cast by Concrete Systems in Hudson. The tunnel has no incline, sufficient ambient light, and is a good width for recreational purposes.

Its functionality and beauty are a tribute to Alex Bernhard, project coordinator for the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT), working closely with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) and with bridge contractor Jeff Bates

FNRT has been working on securing funds since 2004 to resurface and connect this section of the rail trail on up through Danbury to the 10 miles already converted to four-season use to the east and the Grafton County rail trail to the north and west. Construction is expected to begin late this summer.

For more information and how you can help, visit FNRT.org.

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BEACON MEMBERS WIN!

Each month the Beacon holds a random drawing among its members to give away valuable prizes provided by area businesses. **Become a member** for a year, support the Beacon, and join the fun! This month's winners are:

Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Betsy Woodman
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Last month, a crew from J&B Landscaping removed the derelict chain link fence that separated the Annex from the AE/MS parking lot. A line of boulders will keep cars from driving on the Annex's septic field. Roy Carlson (l) of Andover and Kyle Coutu of Grafton mulched between the new boulders in preparation for lilies to be planted. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

FIRECRACKER 5K FUN RUN

By Tom Frantz, FNRT

The Andover Fourth of July Committee, in conjunction with the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT), is holding a 5K Fun Run/Walk as one of Andover's Fourth of July activities. The out-and-back event will be held on the Rail Trail and will start at 9 AM on July 4 at the Blackwater Park off Lawrence Street in Andover. Registration will begin at 8 AM and costs \$20 on the day of the race.

Last year's race drew approximately 90 runners. The majority of the runners were from the area, but runners from as far away as Park City, Utah and

Chicago competed for prize money and the gold, silver, and bronze spikes that were awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

The out-and-back race is held on the rail trail that passes through Andover. The course is flat, fast, and scenic. There will be free t-shirts given to the first 100 entrants. The top male and female overall finishers will each receive \$50. Gold, silver, and bronze railroad spikes will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in each age category.

More information is available by calling 735-6490 or by visiting FNRT.org.

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HIGHLAND LAKE FOURTH OF JULY

By Jim Cooley

President, HPLA

It's the start of another summer season at Highland Lake in Andover, and the Highland Lake Protective Association (HPLA) invites you to join us in activities around the lake. It's a good way to get to know your fellow Andover residents and show your support for keeping Highland Lake a clean, safe, and healthy place to live and play.

This year, our annual whimsical boat parade will be on Saturday, July 3, at 4 PM (with good viewing at the town beach), followed by the lighting of the

flares around the lake at 9 PM. Parade boats will gather on the west side of the lake to begin the procession around the whole lake.

The next day, on Sunday, July 4, after enjoying the parade festivities in town we will host an ice cream social at 6:30 PM at the East Andover Fire Station.

Our annual meeting will be on Saturday, July 24, at 10 AM, also at the East Andover Fire Station, where we will announce the winner of our first Highland Lake Photography Contest.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the summer at Highland Lake.



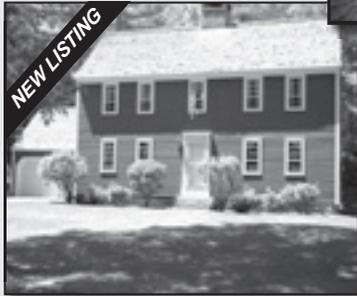
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We have two bands this year; Leap-in' Lena; Uncle Sam; Captain Morrill and his cannon crew; the Andover One Wheelers; the Concord Coach; and children's entries, scouts, floats, animals, cars, trucks, tractors, and probably some surprises.

Parade registration forms are available at the Town Office and Lake Sunapee Bank, or register that day at the Proctor Field House.

I'm happy to report that we found a car judge: Dino Green of Dino Green's Auto LLC on Main Street, Andover. He will be giving those cars, tractors, motorcycles, and trucks a good look. Dino not only can judge them, he can fix them!

Realtor Joyce Egge of Equine Homes has once again generously offered to provide the prize money for the animal category and find us a judge.

Jackie and Josh Watkins of Chase Hill Design will be judges of the floats.

It isn't just money that pulls this celebration together. It also takes lots of volunteers. We have close to 20

volunteers just for the parade. Our thanks to all who help in one way or another. I am reminded of that saying, "It takes a town to raise a child." I think it's also true for the Fourth of July celebration.

When you are enjoying the Andover Lions breakfast, the strawberry shortcake, ice cream, the flea market, food, music, the 5K foot-race, Barnyard Bingo, Closest to the Pin, the Andover One Wheelers, the parade, the flag raising, the baseball game, and the fireworks, please remember all the volunteers who are making it possible.

Come, bring a chair, and plan to spend the day. There will be plenty of food and entertainment. Three different musical groups will be playing throughout the day, as well as two soloists.

Let's hope the weather cooperates this year. It can't rain on our parade two years in a row!

Pick up a program at the grandstand, which will be manned by Bill Leber and David Jewett. They will keep you well informed throughout the day.

Call Howard Wilson for flea market space at 735-5427. Call about the parade at 735-5933 or 735-5493. It is not too late to make a donation. Irene Jewett will be glad to hear from you at 735-5271.



Gardening Committee members (l-r) Nancy Tripp, Lorraine Roberts, Nan Kaplan, and Robin Boynton pause for a photo in the new landscaping outside the Town Offices. Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Service Club Landscapes Entrance To Town Offices

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

The Gardening Committee of the Andover Service Club keeps various plantings and planters around town looking nice all summer. Recently the committee undertook significant improvements to the landscaping outside the door to the Town Offices, adding a second bed beside the brick walk and connecting that bed to another new bed that curves along the south side of the Town Hall.

The committee also had the bare patch of earth to the right of the walk prepared and seeded. Now a vigorous crop of clover is established, with a lot of new grass coming along.

The Gardening Committee is chaired

by Lorraine Roberts and includes Penny Allen, Robin Boynton, Margo Coolidge, Gisela Darling, Nancy Emerson, Sandra Graves, Nan Kaplan, Kit Norris, Edna Peters, Pat Proctor, and Sara Tracy. The committee would also like to thank community members who helped with the Town Hall landscaping project this spring: Susan Schnare, Howard Proctor, Ken Tripp, and Charlie Darling.

The recent improvements nicely complement the four crabapple trees planted last year by the AE/MS Environmental Club with the help of the Andover Conservation Commission, Proctor Academy, Road Agent Jon Champagne, the Andover Service Club, and many donors and volunteers.

Andover Named A Tree City USA

Arbor Day Foundation press release

Andover was recognized by the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This the first year that Andover has earned this national designation.

Andover has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City communities must have:

- a tree board or department
- a tree-care ordinance
- a comprehensive community forestry program
- an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“We commend Andover’s elected officials, volunteers, and citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest,” said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees provide numerous environmental, economical, and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority.”

Communities that earn Tree City

USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet the four standards, they know that trees:

- Promote healthier communities by filtering the air we breathe, removing dust and other particles.
- Moderate climate, conserve water, and provide vital habitat for wildlife.
- Reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings.
- Increase property values, reduce energy use, and add beauty to our homes and neighborhoods.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at ArborDay.org/TreeCityUSA.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the United States Department of Agriculture’s Forest Service. The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

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Blackwater Community Coffeehouse Coming To Former Ski Shop

By Tim St. Onge and Adam Jones
Proctor Academy

Over the past few months, the inside of the old ski shop has been slowly transformed into The Blackwater Community Coffeehouse by Proctor students and Andover residents. The shop, which is slated to open sometime between now and next September, will try to create a community center as well as serve good coffee, tea, and food.

Kate Jones, one of two managers of the new coffee shop, sat down to discuss the shop and what she hopes for the future.

“Our vision is to run a community-minded coffeehouse that has the potential to bring together all the residents of Andover. We believe that one of the most important aspects of business is that it supports and invests in community. Our hope is that the Coffeehouse will not only be a comfortable gathering place for everyone in Andover – serving fair trade coffee and teas – but also have the ability to financially invest in community projects over the short and long term,” Kate said.

In addition to coffee, the shop will also sell hot and cold drinks including drip coffee (regular, dark roast, breakfast blend, decaf), specialty espresso drinks (cappuccinos, lattes, espressos, etc), a selection of loose leaf teas, iced tea, chai lattes, iced chai, hot chocolate, fresh fruit smoothies, shakes, iced

coffee, a selection of bottled beverages (natural juices), and freshly-baked baked goods including, but not limited to, cookies, brownies, pies, muffins, scones, biscotti, croissants, danishes, and fresh fruit. The Coffeehouse will also serve ice cream by the scoop.

The old Ski Shop building has two floors. The floor located at street level will have window booths, small cafe tables, and the main counter for ordering from the menu. The second floor, which overlooks the summit of Ragged Mountain, will be used as additional seating where people can relax on a couch or in an armchair or sit at the computer and access the free WiFi during business hours: 6:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday to Saturday.

“We are eager for the Coffeehouse to be a community space – an Andover space. Once we get up and running in September, the Coffeehouse will be available to outside groups to rent for an evening. Business leaders could rent out the space and hold meetings. School groups could rent out the space and hold fundraisers. Musicians could rent out the space and hold small concerts. There is even a kitchen on the second floor, so groups could rent out the space and hold nutrition classes. Weekly yoga is possible. We also intend to decorate the Coffeehouse with local artists’ work – a rotating gallery that showcases the artistic talent in our community,” Kate said.



Kate and Adam Jones will be managing the new Blackwater Community Coffeehouse in the old ski shop on Main Street when it opens in the fall. They invite folks to stop by during the Fourth of July festivities for a peek at the new space, which includes the coffeehouse on the main floor (pictured here) and a community room upstairs.
Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Picking The Beans

One of the most important decisions that managers of new coffeehouses have to make is to determine what quality of coffee to serve. Kate and Adam Jones, her husband and co-manager, have decided to serve Cafe Monte Alto (MonteAlto.com). Not only is Cafe Monte Alto a coffee cooperative that deeply believes in social justice and equity across all levels of the coffee industry, but the coffee tastes delicious as well!

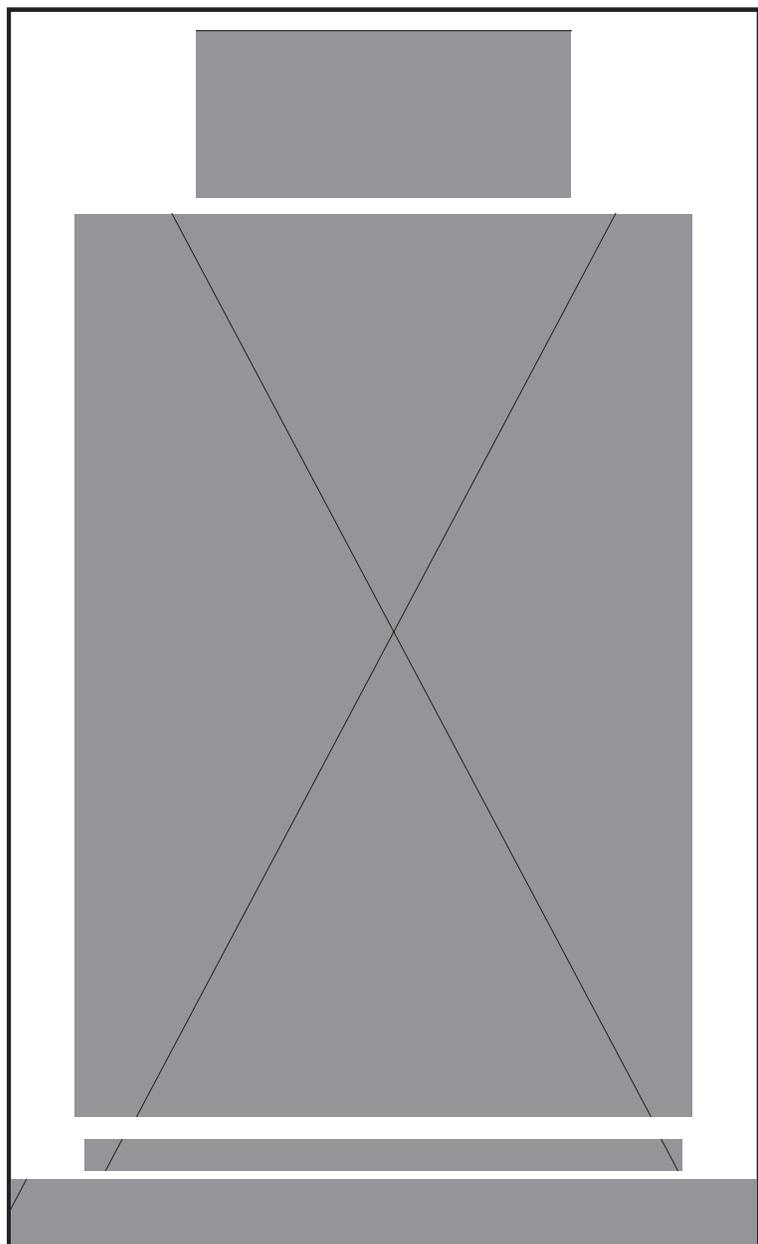
Their Web site states that “Cafe Monte Alto was established in 1997 when Eddie and Micky Giunta began

importing premium green coffee beans from family-owned farms in Puerto Rico and Peru to the USA. These beans are all of the Arabica family; they are picked, processed immediately, and dried over a long period of time.”

Kate said, “We are excited to build a long-term partnership with Cafe Monte Alto because they are a Plymouth, New Hampshire-based roaster that has a uniquely close relationship with the growers of their beans in Peru. They value community development, social justice, and the highest standards of bean production. In fact, Cafe Monte Alto’s premium shade plantation recently captured the coveted Specialty Coffee Association of America ‘Gold Bean’ award.”

For a sneak peak of the Coffeehouse – located at the old Ski Shop – swing by and check it out on the Fourth of July. The Coffeehouse will be open for the day, selling coffee and baked goods despite the current state of renovation! Kate and Adam are eager to meet people in the community and are excited to hear everyone’s suggestions to make the Coffeehouse the best resource for the people of Andover.

The Blackwater Community Coffeehouse will open for daily business in September. For further inquiries, please e-mail Kate and Adam at Blackwater-CommunityCoffeehouse@gmail.com.



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Andover's new farm stand features local produce, meat, baked goods, crafts, and more. Pictured are Kat Darling (l) of Two Mountain Farm and her customer Robin Boynton. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

New Venue For Farm Stand Opens Near Main & Depot

By Charlie Darling
Beacon staff

Andover's newest farm stand and market is now open. Several local vendors share the space in a new barn on the Gross family's property on Main Street as it approaches Depot Street from the east.

Among its many uses, The Barn is a pick-up point for the 25-family Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program run by Kat Darling's Two Mountain Farm. Kat's farm stand also sells organically grown produce, including vegetables, garlic, and raspberries; plus eggs, blueberries from Bartlett's Blueberry Farm in Newport, and local corn.

Donna and Phil Sprague of Huntoon Farm in Danbury also sell farm products at The Barn. They offer baked goods – including breads, pies, whoopie pies, turnovers, cookies, and biscuits – and their own hormone-free pasture-raised beef.

Their bakery products are made at their farm using their own eggs and as many of their own or local ingredients as possible. This month Donna and Phil expect to upgrade their state food license to a full commercial bakery, allowing them to expand into cheesecakes, eclairs, cream pies,

and sweet breads.

The Cilleysville Country Crafters are also a presence at The Barn. The group includes a wide variety of talented area crafters. Among them are Amy Fecteau (stamping), Julia Philipson (quilts, rugs, pocket-books), Sharon Darling (quilts), Jane Martin (wool felting), Sally Haas (stained glass), Laila Johnsson (knitting), Deb Coffin (with Julia making mustards, fudge sauces), and Judy Brenner (quilts).

Steele's Ts, Andover's custom silk-screening business, is also at The Barn selling silk-screened t-shirts featuring local humor and events.

The Gross family offers a variety of wood products including picnic tables, bird houses and feeders, and cutting boards.

The Barn is currently open on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 PM. Don Gross is looking for more local folks who would like to sell their wares at The Barn and maybe add a second day that it would be open. Anyone interested should contact Don at 735-6083.

Stop by The Barn on Main Street just west of Andover. Everything is fresh and local there ... you won't be disappointed!

Parking Enforcement At Town Beach

Parking at the Town Beach at Highland Lake in East Andover is limited to Andover residents only. A sticker is required to be displayed visibly and affixed inside the rear window of the vehicle. (Another window may be used if the rear window is either tinted or otherwise obstructed.) The same sticker is also required for access to the Transfer Station.

In response to numerous complaints, the Board of Selectmen has asked the Andover Police Department to take enforcement action against those violating the ordinance that requires these stickers. Vehicles with no stickers will be ticketed.

If you are an Andover resident and do not have a sticker on your vehicle and plan to park at the beach or use the Transfer Station, see Town Clerk Marj Roy at the Town Office on Mondays or Wednesdays between 9 AM and 2 PM, Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM, or the last Saturday of the month from 9 AM to 11 AM. You will need to bring the registration for the vehicle needing the sticker.

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Letters

Appreciation to the Transfer Station Attendants

How often do we overlook the people who keep the functions operating? Quite frequently! Even in difficult situations, they are cheerful, helpful, and accommodating.

In my opinion, it is town service at its best. Keep up the good work, and special thanks to Bill Farrington and his crew.

Peter Zak

Summer is a great time for all: biking, hiking, and horseback riding. I realize many people do not understand horses, and I thought that it would be helpful to know how to pass horses on the road.

They are a flight-or-fright creature. It is wise to pass going very slowly – 15 miles per hour if possible. If there seems to be a problem, then come to a stop.

Most horses are fine, but if a dog or something else comes from the roadside, the horse could spook into the road. Most people go zooming by as quickly as possible. We all want to have fun with our sports, and horses have to travel on roads now and again to get to

the trails.

I hope this proves a bit insightful. A great summer to all!

Mary Howe

There was a meeting at the Andover Town Hall on June 14 regarding the title re: Emile Shaw / vineyard fields sludge site permit. This will be spread on the fields for hay.

If you go to Sludge News on your computer you can read about it. The video clip of Channel 5's investigative reporter, Anna Werner, and the *Los Angeles Times* story are also very valuable to educate yourself on this topic.

Harper Collins Dictionary of Environmental Science defines sludge as "a viscous, semi-solid mixture of bacteria, virus-laden organic matter, toxic metals, synthetic organic chemicals, and settled solids removed from domestic and industrial waste water at sewage treatment plants."

I care for this lovely little town and the future of the land that our children will inherit. I do not agree with having toxic waste spread on its land.

Thank you.

Mary Howe

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.

Corrections

• On page 4 in last month's *Beacon*, an article said that part of the 5% reduction in the Town budget was \$643 "saved by reducing the Town's contribution to the East Andover librarian's salary." That's not correct. The \$643 was simply a reduction to the Library

line item in the Town budget. How the libraries deal with that reduction is up to the Library Trustees, not the Board of Selectmen.

• Two photos of area Proctor grads were omitted from last month's *Beacon*, as well as some information about a third graduating senior. Please see page 49 for the missing photos and information.

The *Beacon* regrets the errors.

Around the World with the Beacon



Shelby, Koby, and Kristi Perreault (middle three, l-r) and their cousins Samantha (l) and Christopher Yurcak (r) took along the *Beacon* on their visit last month to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania. Photo: Doreen Perreault

Andover Recreation Comm. Offers Swimming Lessons

By David Powers
Andover Recreation Committee

The Andover Recreation Committee will offer a swim program this year at the Town Beach at Highland Lake. Sign-ups will be held on Monday, July 5, from 10 to 11 AM at the Beach.

Lessons will be broken into two groups, depending upon the swimmer's level, and will begin on Tuesday, July 6. Lessons for more advanced swimmers will be from 10 to 11:30 AM, July 6 through 8, and again on July 12 through 15. Lessons for beginners and less advanced swimmers will run the same days from 3 to 4:30 PM.

There is a \$20 fee for Andover residents and a \$35 fee for out-of-town participants. Parents for all swimmers

should plan on staying at the beach area for the lesson time period.

We are pleased that Henry Bendel, an Andover resident and senior at Merrimack Valley High School, will be running the program this year. Henry is a certified Water Safety Instructor, along with being certified as a Life Guard and for CPR. Henry has taught swimming for a number of years at a summer camp in Vermont and is looking forward to working with our young swimmers.

Thank You, Volunteers!

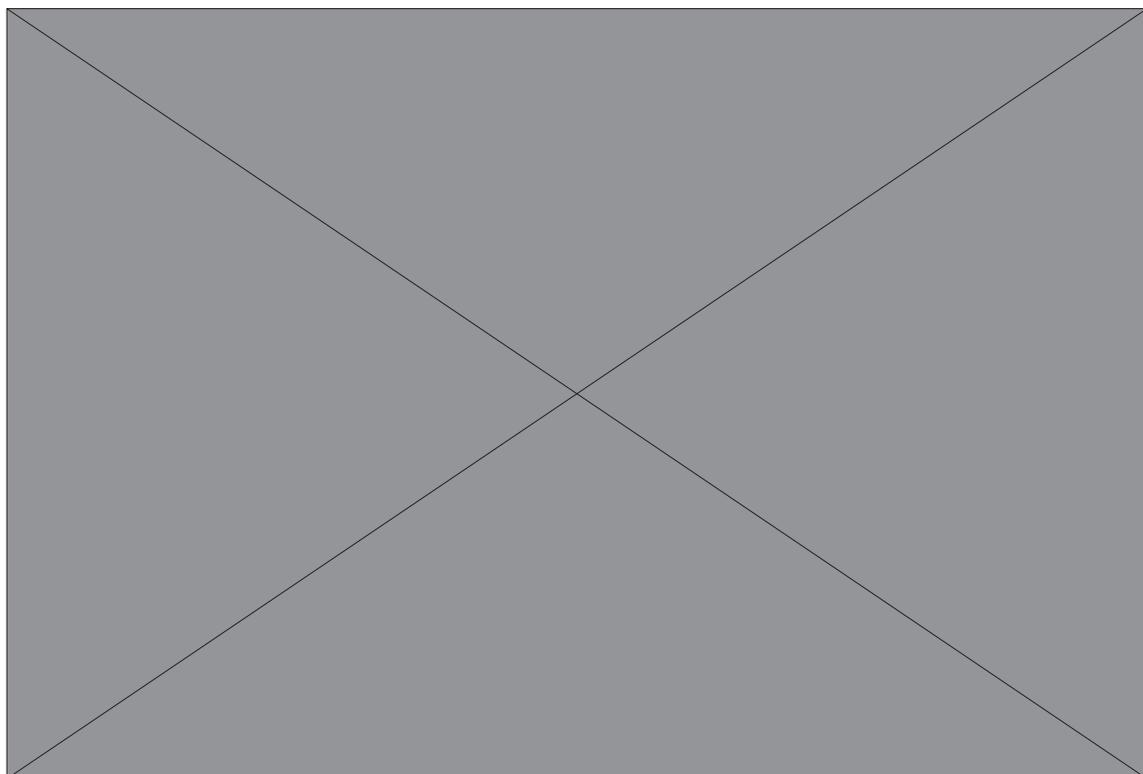
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Town Sticker Required To Use Beach At Highland Lake

By Marj Roy
Andover Town Clerk

I know summer just began, but we are already working on the state primary election that will take place on September 14. Checklists have been posted at the Town Office and the East Andover Post Office. Please check to be sure that your party affiliation is current.

If you wish to make a change, you may do so at the meeting of the Supervisors of the Checklist on September 7 between 7 and 7:30 PM at the Town Office, or you may see the Town Clerk anytime before September 7.

Town Sticker Required

Beach season is here, and we want to remind Andover residents that a town sticker is required to park at Chaffee Beach at Highland Lake. To prevent excessive crowding or parking difficulties, beach access is

restricted to Andover residents and their guests. Identification of automobiles is by a sticker attached to a rear window.

Stickers may be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office. Effective August 1, the fee for town stickers will be \$5. As always, the stickers are valid until you change vehicles or get a new license plate.

If you have summer guests, temporary beach passes are also available at the Town Clerk's Office for a fee of \$2. Failure of a resident using the beach to purchase or attach the sticker to the car is punishable by a fine of \$10. Illegal use of the premises by a non-resident is punishable by a fine of \$25. In addition, unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the expense of the owner.

Our office will be closed on Monday, July 5. We will reopen at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, July 6.



AE/MS School Secretary Gail Parenteau (back) brought a group of eager student volunteers to help get the June shipment of *Beacons* ready to go in the mail. Taking a short break are (front, l-r) Carl Hubbard, Annika Johnson, Shania Nichols, (back) Jacqui Morris, and Carli Eber.

Staff photo: Charlie Darling

Board Of Selectmen

By Jake Johnson
Andover Board of Selectmen

Summer is finally here! The Board of Selectmen this past month has been working with the Road Agent on summer road maintenance. This is the time of year you see the street sweeper sweeping, gravel being added to the roadways, grading to dirt roads, ditches and culvert pipes being cleared of debris, asphalt being patched, and maintenance of Class 5 "summer maintenance only" roadways. Large projects are also being planned and quoted. Large projects tend to be replacement of culvert pipes or any paving work.

Through the months of July and August you may see young gentlemen out walking the town roadways. Tyler Valley, Ray Smith, Zack St. Jacques, and Bob Bulduc, four local boys, will be gathering roadway information for the Road Resurface Management System (RSMS). The four boys all live in Andover and are in a program called Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) at Merrimack Valley High School. JAG pays each student for 20 hours of work each week. The Town pays nothing and gets valuable information on its 60 miles of roadway. And these four boys get a summer job close to home!

RSMS is a computer program that will help the town in the future get a detailed highway maintenance plan and much more. The type of information needed for this program will be length and width of road, where culverts are located, and the condition of the road surface.

Transfer Station Supervisor

The Board has also written a new job description for the Transfer Station supervisor. Regrettably, Bill Farrington will be leaving that position as of June 30. Bill is not going too far down the road – he has taken on a full-time role at AE/MS. Bill has given the town five years at the Transfer Station. We wish Bill good luck in the future!

This change at the Transfer Station has given the Board an opportunity to change the job for the future. With Single Stream Recycling somewhere on the horizon, the role of Transfer Station workers will be changing. Hopefully we won't be baling and storing large amounts of recycle material. This operation is time- and manpower-consuming work for those at the Transfer Station.

If you are interested in the position of Transfer Station supervisor, stop and see Dana at the Town Office for an application.

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East Andover Fire Department

By Rene Lefebvre
Chief, East Andover Fire Department

This week I was wandering around the station looking at all the equipment sitting on tables, waiting to begin the 20-year journey of carrying fire fighters and life saving equipment to what only the good Lord knows. I must admit that I became a bit reflective, thinking about our old machine.

The old engine sitting at the ready in full-service knows that her biggest fires are behind her. The all-night mill fires that saw more than 20 engines laboring to move enough water to save a doomed building are part of the history of this old friend and are reflected in her dinged paint and wear. We have taken her to countless house fires, auto accidents and rescues. She always worked well and made us proud.

Now, what lies ahead for the new machine? A new engine is like a clean sheet of paper, and the future will fill in her logbook with the emergencies and unique incidents

that are the standard of our business.

Soon we will have all the equipment carefully placed on the truck, and we will conduct extensive training so we fully understand this complicated machine. We expect to be in full service in early July. As for the unknown future, we're firemen ... bring it on!

Fourth Of July

We will have our tent set up at the midway for the Fourth of July celebration. We will have snow cones to sell, and this year we will be raffling a very nice canoe, complete with life vests and paddles.

Depending on the weather, our most valuable offering may be shade. Chairs will be set up, and you are welcome to sit and rest with us anytime. We will have our Gator ready with two EMTs and medical equipment on board, should the need arise.

I expect that the team will want to have the new truck in the parade. As to who will drive it and ride in it, I plan to be staying out of that mess.

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The Swap Shop will be open on July 10 from 8 AM to 2 PM and welcomes (before 1 PM) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, **no** upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.



Andover EMS To Hand Out Disaster Kits

By Heather Makechnie
Andover EMS

Disasters, by their very nature, are unpredictable. From President Obama to Governor Lynch, officials are warning New Hampshire residents to be prepared to take care of themselves for at least the first 72 hours of any emergency. Help rarely comes from the outside before that time window elapses.

Andover Emergency Medical Services (EMS) wants to help you prepare yourselves and family to be comfortably prepared. Please stop by the ambulance on the Village Green on the Fourth of July to pick up some free literature about making your own family safer and ready.

The US Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign offers three simple steps to ensure the safety and well-being of you and your loved ones:

Get a kit: Have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. At the ambulance we will have lists available to help you with this task.

Make a plan: Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. Again, we will have information available to help you, including information on the Red Cross's Safe and Well registry.

Be informed: Watch or listen to

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news reports about emergencies. Have a battery-operated radio (and spare batteries) and a NOAA weather radio. Keep your cell phones charged. There will be coloring books at the ambulance to teach your children about what they can do to make themselves more resilient in an emergency.

Beat The Heat

The ambulance will be stationed at the Andover Fire Station all day on the Fourth of July. Please visit for a free blood pressure check and to learn about the American Red Cross "Safe and Well" disaster program.

July traditionally starts the hotter weather, and that's when we need to be aware of the possibility of heat stroke. If you are physically active in hot weather, drink plenty of water, but don't rely on alcohol, coffee, or tea, which may actually lead to dehydration. The medical profession currently discourages sports drinks. Wear hats and light-colored, lightweight, loose clothes.

When we exercise too hard and don't put enough fluid back into our system (or simply get too hot for longer than we can handle), our inward temperature gauge gets out of whack because we cannot sweat enough or radiate heat back to the environment. "We're cooking!" This places stress on body systems that can fail rapidly.

Signs of heat stroke may include some or all of the following:

- high body temperature
- absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin
- rapid pulse
- difficulty breathing
- nausea or vomiting
- weakness or headache
- muscle cramps
- dizziness
- confusion or agitation
- seizure or coma

Obviously, heat stroke is a true medical emergency that can be fatal if not promptly and properly treated. A victim of heat stroke must receive immediate treatment to avoid permanent organ damage. Get them cooled down.

Children and the elderly fail very quickly. Call for help immediately! Don't hesitate to call 911.

TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Office Hours & Meetings

OFFICE HOURS

Town Office: Mon-Fri 8:30-1

Town Clerk & Tax Collector:

Mon & Wed, 9-2

Tue & Thu, 1:30-6:30

Last Saturday of month, 9-11

Building Inspector: Tues, 6-7

Andover Library:

Mon, 6:30-8:30

Wed, 9-12 & 6:30-8:30

Thu, 12:30-4:30 • Sat, 10-12

Bachelder Library:

Tues, 9-12:30 & 6:30-8:30

Thu, 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

Transfer Station:

Wed, 7-6 (7-5 during winter)

Sat, 7-5

Swap Event (May-Oct):

2nd Sat (rain date: 3rd Sat)

Transfer Station, 8-2

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MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Board of Selectmen:

1st & 3rd Mon, 7

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

3rd Tue, 7:30

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30

Recycling: 2nd Thu, 1

Recreation: 2nd Thu, 7, AE/MS

Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7:30

Andover Library or

Bachelder Library

Fourth of July: 1st Wed (Feb-Jun),

Andover Fire Station, 7

Andover Fire Dept: 1st Mon, Busi-

ness, 7; 3rd Mon, Training, 7

Explorer Scout Post 321: 2nd Wed,

7, East Andover Fire Station

East Andover Fire Dept:

2nd Wed, 7:30

Andover EMS: 2nd Tue, 7

East Andover Fire Station

School Board: 1st Tue (except July

and August), 6:30, AE/MS

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JULY

5: Town Office &

Town Clerk **CLOSED**

5: Andover Fire Dept Bus Mtg, 7

6: Building Inspector, 6-7

8: Recycling Committee, 1

8: Recreation Committee,

AE/MS Science Room, 7

10: Swap Event, Transfer Station, 8-2

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13: Andover EMS,

East Andover Fire Station, 7

14: Explorer Scout Post 321,

East Andover Fire Station, 7

14: East Andover Fire Dept, 7:30

14: Conservation Committee, 7:30

15: **Deadline for the Aug. Beacon**

15: Library Trustees, 7:30

19: Board of Selectmen, 7

19: Andover Fire Dept Training, 7

20: Building Inspector, 6-7

20: Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:30

27: Building Inspector, 6-7

27: Planning Board, 7

31: Household Hazardous Waste

Collection, Franklin, 934-4103,

8:30-noon

AUGUST

2: Board of Selectmen, 7

2: Andover Fire Dept Bus Mtg, 7

4: Fourth of July Committee,

Andover Fire Station, 7

7: Household Hazardous Waste

Collection, Bristol, 744-3354,

8:30-noon

Board Of Selectmen

May 3

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Donald J. Gross, Dana Hadley

The meeting was opened by Chairman Victoria Mishcon at 6 PM.

Road Agent

Road Agent Jon Champagne had requested that the meeting be held one hour earlier so that he would have time for discussion with the Board. Also at this meeting were John Thompson, Chris Bentley, Joan Champagne, and Roy Carlson. Stephen Barton arrived later in the meeting.

Jon said he was upset about the letter that he received from the Board dated April 23. This was a memo asking him to submit to them in writing the work plans for the two week period between meetings and a report of the previous two weeks outlining the work actually performed. The memo stated that the Board is working to update the Equipment Rental Rates to more accurately reflect competitive costs and that the cost for cutting edges and chains would be incorporated in the rental rates.

Jon said state statutes give him the authority to fulfill his duties as Road Agent. Discussion continued about RSAs covering Road Agent and Selectmen responsibilities. Jon said if the Board has questions, they should direct them to him. He said that if the Town does not provide cutting edges and chains, then most of the current plow drivers would not work for the Town next winter.

There were several people attending the meeting who work for the Town plowing snow. They said that they would not plow for the Town if cutting edges and chains were not provided.

Chris Bentley, a former Road Agent

in Salisbury, plowed snow for Andover last winter. He said that when the state contracts for trucks and drivers, it pays a standby fee to reserve that truck and that the state buys equipment for the trucks.

Jon said that he was surprised when he learned that there may be plans to change the Road Agent position to an appointed position. He said that he only makes \$8,300 a year, and he can't see how the Town will be able to afford an appointed road agent. He said that the Town hasn't even thanked him for saving them money. He has had Roy Carlson change the oil in the grader and this saved the town thousands of dollars. This Board has not communicated with him. He is unhappy about the Rail Trail's work on Valley Road. He also was surprised to hear that four young people are going to be working on the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) project. He is the road agent and he is in charge of that.

John Thompson expressed frustration that the Board is not going in the proper direction. He feels that they are going backward and not acting in the best interest of the Town.

Selectman Gross noted that the State Statutes do give Selectmen the authority to supervise the Road Agent's activities. Jon asked for Selectman Gross to read the statute and Selectmen Gross said that he could have a copy of it.

The Board told Jon that one of their goals is to review and update the rates paid for equipment to be fair to all parties. Due to the fact that many of the contractors work for other entities than the Town, they want to avoid buying cutting edges and chains.

Chris Bentley said that there are many issues that affect the Road Agent and there needs to be better communication. He expressed concerns that if the Board did not trust the Road Agent, it would not be in the best interest of the Town.

John Thompson said that three to four years ago the damage from the bad
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floods that occurred were partly due to lack of maintenance. He said that this road agent's maintenance programs have saved a lot of problems with the roads due to flooding.

The Board said the memo from them should not be misinterpreted. They want to know what is happening in the department in order to be better informed. They are not directing how work should be done.

They also said that they are looking forward to the work on the RSMS. It will give the Town a tool for road maintenance planning and budgeting. Jon Champagne said that they should have asked Lee Murray to help. He was one of the forces behind this system when he was the Road Agent in New Boston. He now works for Jon. The Board said that it is important that everyone work together.

Jon presented the Board with an updated list of his equipment rates. He said that this was a much cleaner guideline and without all the unnecessary information that the Town had in previous guidelines.

After much discussion, Jon said that he will work to keep the Board informed of the activities of the department. The Board said that Jon should not be upset to receive a written memo from them. It helps in communication and that is something that everyone needs to work on.

Fire Emergency Services Study Committee

The Board met with Glenn Haley, Stephen Barton, David Powers, Roger Kidder, and Andre Parenteau of the Fire Emergency Service Study Committee. Committee facilitator Jane Hubbard and member Les Fenton were not able to be there.

The Board presented the committee with a copy of the petition warrant article that was approved at the Town Meeting and a charge from the Board of the items to be considered. There is still a vacancy on the committee that the Board is working to fill. It is expected that will be done within a few weeks and that the committee will be getting together in a few weeks to begin their work.

Tax Exemption

The Board met with Glenn Haley to discuss the possibility of the Town supporting the adoption of a solar and wind energy tax exemption at the next Town meeting. Mr. Haley told the Board that he is considering having a wind energy device put on his property to generate electricity. Currently those types of devices are not being assessed on property taxes, but that could change in the future. He encouraged the Board to support the adoption of a tax exemption for this purpose at the next Town Meeting as specified under state law.

Andover Police Department

The Board met with the Police Chief, who reviewed with them the activities of the department in the past

few weeks. He stated that normally he meets with the Board in the middle of the month, after the statistics for the previous month are available. He does not have the statistics for the period of April 15 to May 15, but he does have them for March 15 to April 15. During that period there were 292 calls for service, one accident, seven pistol permits issued, and two arrests.

The Board spoke with him regarding the changes that have been made to his 2010 budget. They expressed their appreciation for his cooperation.

Chief Laramie told the Board that he is concerned that the Humane Society is planning to move from their Penacook location to Clinton Street in Concord. This will add additional time needed to deal with an animal control call. He is concerned that during the time that the officer is working on an animal control call, the officer is not in Andover. He suggested that the Board try to make an agreement to use a kennel that is closer to Town. The Board said that they will review what options are available to them.

Selectman Gross asked Chief Laramie what the reason was that the Police Department has not used local Andover-based auto repair shops for maintenance on the police vehicles.

Chief Laramie said that he has used Beauchine Auto in Franklin for a number of years. They have had a very good relationship with them. The business will drop everything in the event that a cruiser needs immediate attention. He also has a fenced facility where vehicles that are impounded by the police can be stored and there is no charge for the storage. They have also responded and rescued the cruiser when they have been stuck at no charge.

Sam Hill Road

Town Administrator Dana Hadley advised the Board that Lou Caron, the

Town's engineer, has submitted an updated plan for the Sam Hill Road project to the Department of Environmental Services (DES). In verbal discussions with the department, it was indicated that by installing two 36" pipes rather than one 36" pipe and two 24" pipes, this will prevent the roadway from flooding in high water periods. The DES has indicated that if this meets the 50-year flood incident criteria, they will issue the permit.

Winter and Summer Equipment Rates

The Board agreed to work on updating winter and summer equipment rates at a work session. They scheduled a work session for Friday morning, May 14, at 9 AM.

Appreciation Dinner

The Board received the invitation to the Appreciation Dinner from the Andover Snowmobile Club. They expressed regret that they could not attend, and they appreciated the invitation.

2009 MS-5

The Board received and signed the 2009 Department of Revenue Report MS-5, prepared by the Town's auditors.

State Funding of Education

The Board reviewed the letter received from the Coalition Communities regarding concerns of changes to education funding under SB465. They will monitor the situation, but there are no plans to take an active part at this time.

May 14

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Donald J. Gross, Dana Hadley

The meeting was opened by Chairman Victoria Mishcon at 9 AM.

The Board met and had discussion on long range plans for the Transfer Station. They each received a copy of the

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current job description for the Transfer Station Supervisor. The description needs to be updated and reviewed.

There were several thoughts as to what changes to the job description are appropriate. This will be worked on at the next work session.

The Board discussed plans for other operational changes. There were several suggestions to streamline some of the day-to-day functions. Work on these projects will continue.

May 17

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Donald J. Gross, Dana Hadley

Road Agent

The Board met with Road Agent Jon Champagne. Jon said that the Town will need to replenish its gravel supply and has considered having gravel excavated and crushed at the Transfer Station. He reviewed his plan to crush the gravel on site at the Transfer Station property. He met with a representative from the John Neville Excavating Company in Goffstown. They can rent a crushing machine for \$6,500 per week. This does not include the fuel or the cost of the operator and an excavator with hammer at \$190 per hour, which does include the cost of fuel and the operator.

The operation would need an excavator and a loader. The Town would be able to rent an excavator from John Thompson at the rate of \$100 per hour. He estimates that total cost of the project would be approximately \$5,000, which includes stumping the area to prepare for the crusher. The Board took this under advisement for further review.

Tree Work: There are several hazardous trees on town roads that need to be cut. Jon Champagne has a quote

from James Thompson to take care of the tree work in the amount of \$3,500. This would take one week to complete. The Board authorized the expenditure of \$3,500 for this tree work.

Street Sweeper: Jon said that he will rent a street sweeper that will cost \$2,600 for a weeks' rental. The Town will provide the operator.

Winter Sand: Jon discussed plans to purchase winter sand. He asked if the Town would be putting this purchase out to bid this year. The Board was in agreement that the bidding process would be preferable and will follow up in the near future on this issue.

Projects: It was discussed that culvert work would most likely happen on Emery Road and Chase Hill Road. As the project funds were reduced, the Board would like a plan to follow up on how the remaining project funds can best be utilized.

Lake Property Assessment

The Board met with four of the five owners of a lot on Highland Lake in East Andover. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, Ms. Raynor, Mr. Ratzki and Ms. Moulton, and Mr. Ressler. Mr. Mayo acted as a spokesman for the group, and he reviewed for the Board how the lot came into existence. The lot was on a plan entitled Halcyon Heights Development and goes back to the 1950s. The lot in question is .18 acre parcel that is owned by five undivided parties. The lot is not a buildable lot.

Mr. Mayo gave the Board a copy of the explanation of the origin of the lot and a history of the taxes paid on this lot. After the revaluation of 2009, the taxes were \$828 for each of the five owners of the lot. Previously the tax in 2008 was \$142. The owners were concerned with the significant increase in the taxes.

There was discussion regarding the amount of time that owners would have to bring a tax case to the Board of Tax

and Land Appeals or Superior Court. The Town Administrator reviewed the procedure with the property owners.

Sam Hill Road

Town Administrator Dana Hadley reported that the final design for the Sam Hill Road project has been submitted, and the preliminary plan has been approved by DES.

Sludge Application

The Board reviewed the notice received from DES regarding the application for sludge application on the Jelleme and Smith properties on Emery Road. There will be a public hearing on this matter on Monday, June 14.

Other Business

The Board received notice that Bill Farrington will be resigning from his position at the Transfer Station to be effective after the Station closes on June 30.

May 25

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Jacob B. Johnson, Donald J. Gross, Dana Hadley

The meeting was opened by Selectman Jacob Johnson at 9 AM

The Board worked on the job description for Transfer Station Supervisor.

June 4

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Donald J. Gross, Dana Hadley

The meeting was opened by Selectman Victoria Mishcon at 9 AM

The Board continued to work on the job description for Transfer Station Supervisor. They also discussed plans for the Transfer Station.

June 7

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Victoria L. Mishcon, Jacob B. Johnson, Donald J. Gross, Dana Hadley

Road Agent

The Board met with Road Agent Jon Champagne. Jon said that he purchased safety vests to be used by his crew and make them more visible to motorists.

Pancake Road: Jon said he has two quotes to pave Pancake Road. The road is 497' in length. Quotes received so far are based on the understanding that the Town will prepare the road for paving. Quotes have been received from:

R.D. Edmunds of Franklin: \$10,500

David Marceau of Andover: \$14,000

Jon will also secure a quote from Pike Industries of Belmont, as they have the paving contract for the Route 11 paving from the Andover town line to Depot Street. Since they are in the area, it would make sense to get a quote.

Sam Hill Road: Jon checked on the prices for culverts for the Sam Hill Road project. The estimate for that job is \$2,500. The Town is still waiting for the wetland's permit.

Work to be Performed: The crew will be doing ditching work on North Street, Morrill Hill Road, and Plains
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Road.

Jim Thompson is operating the sweeper, and it is expected for the project to be completed by the end of the week. Jon was able to rent a better sweeper for a better price than he was originally quoted. This sweeper allowed the removal of the sand instead of simply sweeping the sand into the ditches.

Andover Conservation Commission

The Board met with Larry Chase of Bradley Lake Road. Mr. Chase would like to be appointed to the Andover Conservation Commission. He has a long association with Andover and has been a summer resident of the community for many years. He recently has been working with the Conservation Commission to form a Bradley Lake Association to protect the lake. He lives in Andover approximately six months out of the year.

Motion: Johnson/Gross to appoint Larry Chase as an alternate to the Conservation Commission.

Vote in the affirmative.

Avitar Associates

The Board met with Mark Stetson and Gary Roberge of Avitar Associates. They are the company that provides assessing services for the Town. The Board had asked them to come in to discuss the lot on Highland Lake on which abatement was requested.

The lot, owned by five owners, was discussed at the Selectmen's meeting of

May 17. Four of the five owners of this property applied to the Town for abatement of 2009 taxes. There was an adjustment to the assessment based on the joint undivided ownership. The remaining assessment is for waterfront access.

Mr. Roberge reviewed how his company assessed the property. The 2009 assessments were based on sales data. The sales data indicated that this parcel's water access assessment is \$200,000, which was divided by the five owners so that each owner was assessed \$40,000. The assessment for 2004-2008 was \$8,700, so the increase was a shock to the owners. Discussion continued regarding this lot and how other lots on Highland Lake compare to this lot.

Mr. Roberge stated that he stood by his recommended assessment. He said that it appeared that an error had been made on the 2004-2008 assessment. Four of the five owners were at the meeting. They expressed their reasons of why the assessment was disproportionate.

There was discussion of what sales had been used to set the benchmark for the assessments. There was concern from one owner that their sale had been included in the sales data, as the sale occurred after April 1, 2009. Mr. Roberge explained that sales six month previous and six month after the assessment date of April 1, 2009 were considered. The owners discussed that there are right of ways for that property that affect the

value.

Mr. Roberge said that he would take the information for review and would advise the Board of the results of his review.

New Business

The Board appointed Selectman Gross as the alternate representative to the Concord Coop.

The Board reviewed an e-mail received from Roy Meier regarding a disheveled property in town. The Board will write a letter to Mr. Meier to respond.

Selectman Gross advised the Board that the Recycling Committee is recommending that the Town buy a storage trailer to be placed at the Transfer Station. He will look into the purchase. The Board approved the purchase up to \$1,000.

The Board accepted with regret the letter of resignation from the Andover Conservation Commission from Mary Anne Broshek. She is no longer an Andover resident.

Other Business

Selectman Mishcon said that there were a few questions regarding the 5% reduction to the budget following a recent article in *The Andover Beacon*. The story in the newspaper stated that there was a \$643 reduction for the salary of the East Andover librarian. The actual reduction is for the general library appropriation, and not for the salary of the East Andover librarian.

joined the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Also present: David Powers; Robert Welch; Howard George; Alan Hanscom; and Lorrie Sliter

Announcements/Correspondence:

A public hearing is to be scheduled for the June 8 meeting for tree removal by the Road Agent on Old College Road, a designated scenic road.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Lot Line Adjustment by subdivision/annexation for Nancy Welch Trust/Lillian Welch Trust. Robert Welch presented a copy of the tax map indicating the location of the properties on Channel Road and stated he would like to adjust the property line for access to the lot. Upon review, the Board advised Mr. Welch that a line adjustment would make one of the lots more non-conforming, and he should consider an easement granting access to his lot.

Continued Non-Binding Consultation: Site Plan Review for Town of Andover / Andover Recreation Committee for Recreation Facility at Blackwater River Park with David Powers as representative for the Recreation Committee.

Powers stated that it was approved at Town Meeting to expend money for a multi-purpose building at the Blackwater Park and presented a floor plan and design of the building as well as a site plan indicating the proposed location of the building.

The proposed building will be 24' x 32' including restroom and kitchen facilities. There is currently electric at the location, and there is town water for sprinkling of the field. Lighting for the building will be in the soffits, for security purposes only.

Wood Sutton requested specs on the proposed lighting.

It was asked if this would generate a change of use. *No*.

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Planning Board

May 25

Condensed from approved minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice-Chair; Nancy Teach; Paul Currier; Michelle Bengivengo; Jacob Johnson, Ex-Officio; and Wood Sutton, alternate, appointed to Don Gould's position. Don Gould



*Notes From
The Arborist*

Japanese Beetle
(*Popillia japonica*)

Affected Species

Roses, Birches, Purple Plums, Cherry, and Dogwoods are favorites. Any plant with a succulent leaf is a potential target.

Symptoms & Damage

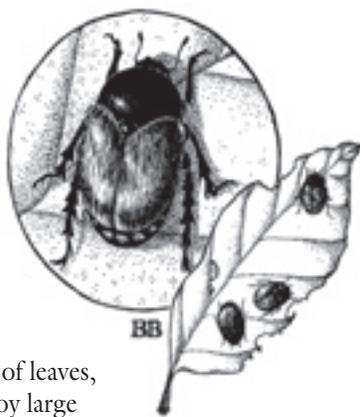
The adult beetle is a voracious feeder causing skeletonization of leaves, while the grub stage can destroy large areas of turf.

Treatment

Control is best achieved in the larval stage by treating turf with lawn care products. Adults can also be suppressed with repeated spray treatments. New natural nematode treatments are proving to be increasingly effective. Pheromone traps are not recommended – they attract more beetles than they kill.

Timing of Treatment

Late June – September



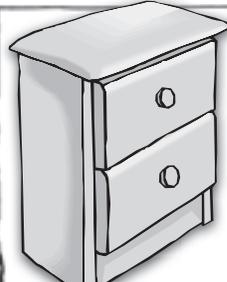
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It was asked if this would take away from parking. *Yes.*

The Board advised they would need copies of plans that were presented as well as a lot merger application, site plan review application, abutter list, and fees.

The Board will review the applications for completeness at 7:20 PM on June 8, and a public hearing is scheduled for 7:40 PM on June 8.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Site Plan Review for C W Sliter & Sons, Inc. for School Bus Storage at 261 Franklin Highway.

Lorrie Sliter presented a diagram of the property indicating the proposed location for the bus storage. There are currently 109 acres, of which 22 acres are in Current Use. The area for bus storage would be 200' x 200' which would be parking for 6 or 7 buses and 6 or 7 parking spots for employee vehicles.

Sliter stated the Department of Transportation has no issue with opening the access; however, a couple of trees need to be removed. Sliter indicated First Student would maintain the area.

Concerns of the Board include:

Will there be an office trailer? The response was no.

Will there be need for power for block heaters? Lorrie stated she was not sure; however, she would inquire about this.

A special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and a Site Plan Review by the Planning Board is necessary. Lorrie requested a joint hearing.

A proposed joint hearing is scheduled for June 22, 2010.

Preliminary Non-Binding Consultation: Site Plan Review for change of use from residence/meeting room to museum facility/office/meeting room for the Andover Historical Society at 108 Depot Street.

Gould presented a floor plan of the building and stated it is no longer occupied as a residence. The Historical Society would like to use this as a Museum Facility / Office / Meeting Room. A parking area currently exists. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 22.

June 8

Condensed from draft minutes

Members present: Eric Johnson, Chair; Jon Warzocha, Vice-Chair; Don Gould; Michelle Bengivengo; Jacob Johnson, Ex-Officio; and Wood Sutton, Alternate appointed to Paul Currier's position.

Also present: David Powers; Howard George; Jay and Robin Boynton; Kathy Bennett; Suzanne Carmack; Vicky Mishcon; Martin Fairall; Rick Estes; John and Sandra Graves; Gail Richards; Colin Brown; and Jon Champagne.

Announcements / Correspondence: There will not be a joint Planning Board / Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing for Craig and Lorrie Sliter on June 22.

Continued Non-Binding Consultation: Site Plan Review for Town of Andover / Andover Recreation Committee for Recreation Facility at Blackwater River Park with David Powers as representative for the Recreation Committee.

Powers presented a property lay-out plan indicating the proposed building location including a 250' setback from the Blackwater River. The plan also indicated the proposed lighting for the building, which includes three lights for security purposes. [Nine] written requests for waivers were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board voted unanimously in favor to deem the application complete with the waivers.

Public Hearing: Site Plan Review for Town of Andover / Andover Recreation Committee for Recreation Facility at Blackwater River Park with David Powers as representative for the Recreation Committee.

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The public reviewed the proposed plan for the building. It consists of a 24' x 34' split-block building with wood shingle hip roof. There will be no openings on either the river side or the field side. Concerns of the public include:

Will the building be outside of the current parking area? *Yes.*

Are there any plans for additional bleachers? *The Recreation Department is not anticipating any more bleachers at this time.*

Are any changes to the water supply anticipated? *Yes, the long range plan is for a pump in the river for irrigation purposes.*

What is the status of the permitting? *The septic is still in the design process; a building permit has not been applied for at this time.*

Would the approval of this plan be dependent upon receipt of approval for permits? *Yes.*

Is a federal permit required due to the flood plain? Was an alternative flood storage completed on the lower area?

Eric Johnson advised they will need to confirm there are no issues with building in the flood plain. Warzocha advised they need to check the wetlands permit from 1999 to be sure everything is in compliance, and the Board needs a copy of the permit with conditions.

The Board voted unanimously in fa-

vor of accepting the lot merger. Johnson made a motion to continue the decision until June 22.

Public Hearing: Proposed removal of trees on designated scenic road – Old College Road

Eric Johnson read RSA 231:158 to the public that was present. Road Agent Jon Champagne thanked the public and explained that there is small brush that needs to be removed, as well as some trees. The trees have been flagged, as well as nuisance limbs.

Champagne advised that he has spoken with Fritz Hunting and Charlie McCrave regarding the trees and shrubs. The cutting and tree removal will create very little impact, and Champagne has received quotes from local tree people for removal. There is a short-range plan for the nuisance trees, and due to budget constraints this will be completed in steps.

Concerns of the public include:

If the trees are flagged, does that mean they will be removed? *Yes.*

The electric co-op cleared Old College Road approximately two years ago. *The co-op has a right-of-way for line maintenance.*

There are unmarked trees that are dead, will they be removed? *No.*

Would a public hearing need to be held for ditching and stone walls? *Existing culverts and ditching is routine maintenance and does not need a public hearing; however, there can be nothing done to the stone walls to deal with*

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this maintenance.

Is there currently an issue with accessibility for vehicles or walkers? *In the winter, the road equipment comes in contact with branches, and this is good preventive maintenance. Private passenger vehicles do not come in contact with any branches.*

Why does a tree contractor need to be hired? *The road agent's crew is not skilled enough to handle some of the trees.*

When will the work begin? *It is dependent upon the outcome of the public hearing and the availability of the truck. Old College Road is one of a few that need work completed.*

Can landowners be notified 24 hours prior to the work being done? *Yes.*

Eric Johnson advised that communication is key, and landowners need to contact Jon Champagne with any concerns.

Mr. Fairall requested a copy of the scenic road designation.

Eric Johnson made a motion to allow cutting of the trees and limbs pursuant to RSA 231:158 with the following conditions:

Landowners will receive a 24 hour notice; only trees marked with the date June 8, 2010 will be cut or removed; chipping will be allowed with property owner's permission, but not into the stone wall. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Non-Binding Consultation: Colin Brown for a major subdivision for the Fiddler property on Elbow Pond Road.

This proposal is for a minor and major subdivision, the minor being dividing 15 acres from a 190 acre lot; the major being 19 acres being divided into three lots, the first of which being 3.50 acres, the second being 7.65 acres, and the third being 6.28 acres. Any future structures would be no more than 1,000' from a dry hydrant / cistern.

Brown stated he had spoken with the fire chief regarding sprinkler system in the buildings rather than dry hydrant / cistern. Eric Johnson advised they need to satisfy NFPA with dry hydrant / cistern rather than sprinkler system. It was also advised that shoreland protection rules apply – no building within 250' of water without state permits.

Warzocha advised that the Board may need wetlands delineation stamped by a certified wetland scientist. The Board will review the application for completeness on June 22, and a tentative public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13.

Conservation Commission

May 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Tina Cotton, Sandra Graves, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan, and Patricia Moyer

Trees

Mary Anne obtained five free spruce trees from Merrimack County Conservation District (MCCD). Mark Barselle will consult with Susan Schnare about

the planting. Mark will work with AE/MS to plan a planting program.

Susan Schnare is planning the final work on the Town Hall lawn on the right side of the entrance. She may need volunteers. Mary Anne will contact Susan. The Andover Service Club will maintain this area.

Sandra was concerned about the "summer maintained only" town roads. Sandra will contact Dana for the policy on this issue. Mark Barselle will be the contact person for Jon Champagne.

Hike

Nan reported that the hike was not very well attended this year. She suggested that maybe changing the time of year and/or maybe changing the day of the hike to a Saturday instead of a Sunday and/or the time of day might bring more folks. Members agreed to try the third or fourth Saturday in April at 9 AM.

Clean-up Week

Pat reported that it appeared to be very successful this year again. About two-thirds of the roads were signed up for, and there were many blue bags filled up along the roadside, including a few before the kick-off started.

Pat will check with Dana about how they determine the amount of daffodils the town receives from New Hampshire the Beautiful. Also, find out if the town can get something other than daffodils for participating.

Loon Program

It is scheduled for June 27. The Conservation Commission has been asked to provide refreshments. Mary Anne noted that Larry Chase will be at the June meeting at 7 PM. Members agreed to provide refreshments for this program.

Bradley Lake Kiosk

Mary Anne indicated that Harvey Best will build the kiosk for no charge. The kiosk will hold the sign, the loon information, and other items of interest. Harvey gave Dana the materials list and Dana will check with RP Johnson and Son to see if we can get a good deal on the materials. Dana will check with Sliter's about putting in the cement posts.

Other Items

Jerry reported that there is a 171-acre property up for sale in town listed with Coldwell Banker Milestone Real Estate agent Stacy Viandier. Mary Anne

will contact Stacey to see if there is any interest in a conservation easement for this property.

Mary Anne will contact Susan Schnare to see if her relative is interested in a conservation easement.

School Board

June 1

Condensed from draft minutes

All members present. Public: Vicki Mishcon, Bonny Morris, John and Tina Cotton, Emily Furtkamp

Board Chairperson's Report

Don shared a map of the location where the busses will be stored in town.

Old Business

Annex Task Force Report: Vicky and Bonny shared the most recent report on the Annex and its programs. Discussion of a proposal for a long-term lease. A sample lease is in the packet. Preventative long-term maintenance was discussed, as well as future ideas for expansion.

Robin thanked the committee, and the committee thanked the community. Charlie would recommend a long-term lease, Kent agrees. The Board will go over the lease at the work session on the 15. The hope is to have a lease in place for the start of the school year.

Window Update: Sent out to bidders, packets have been sent out, and we are on schedule. Walk through Thursday at 3 PM.

Oil Bid: Results of bids were in packets. Kent moved to accept Huckleberry Heating Oil at a firm price of \$2.35 per gallon for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Katie made the second, all were in favor.

Kindergarten Bathroom: Ed Murdough from DOE will be contacted for information so that this can be done over the summer. Possible action item, need to write a spec.

Fence Update: A letter was received from Andover Annex Program confirming that the fence can be removed.

Trees Update: Contract for July to get trees removed.

Superintendent's Report

Race To The Top: Permission to stay in the race for federal money. Right now we are in. Teachers signed it, with a caveat.



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Mysterious Plaque Honors Five Andover High Yearbooks

By Judy Perreault
Andover High School '53

The attic at the Andover Elementary/Middle School, formerly the Andover High School, has yielded a strange piece of memorabilia. Workmen found a 20-by-31-inch plaque which, once the dust and dirt was removed, bore the heading "Yearbook Staff Achievement Awards."

Under this are silver medallions that say "Yearbook Staff," and under these medallions are five wooden panels with the following inscriptions:

1955: Few things are impossible to diligence and skill – Johnson

1956: The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars but in ourselves, that we are underlings – Shakespeare

1957: From contemplation one may become wise, but knowledge comes only from study – Newton

1958: Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of – Franklin

1959: If you want work well done, select a busy man – the other kind has no time – Hubbard

These quotes were not in any of the yearbooks for those years.

On the back of the plaque is a small plate stating it is a trophy made by Jostens, Owatonna, Minnesota.

The yearbook editors for these years were Judy Cutler Rayno '55; Theodore (Teddy) Andrus '56; Marlene Nelson Allison '57; Bonnie Dargie Moe '58; and Janet Smith Kuhlmeier '59.

Thinking these folks could clear up the mystery, I was able to contact four out of the five. Judy had never seen the plaque but thought it might have something to do with the publishers. She said the best part of being



This mysterious plaque, found in the AE/MS attic, dates from the 1950s, when the building was Andover High.

editor was she got to pick the candid photos that went into the yearbook. Judy also provided this bit of alumni trivia. One of her classmates was Roger Downes, and he had a brother Chester. It seems

Chester's grandson is engaged to Judy's granddaughter.

I was not able to contact Teddy Andrus.

I had a nice conversation with Marlene. She lives in Owlhead, Maine and volunteers at the General Henry Knox museum in Thomaston. It seems there are quite a few



Reminiscence

Clara Currier's Pines

By Paul Fenton Jr.
For the Beacon

I read with interest last month that Don Gould would like to take down a pine tree that borders his property and the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Probably few people know why that line of pine trees was planted on that property line.

In 1933 the town voted by a very narrow margin to build a high school which today is a part of the existing Andover Elementary/Middle School. Clara Currier, who lived at what is now 20 Lawrence Street, across the street

from the school, was so angry the town voted to build the new school that she caused those pines to be planted on land she owned adjacent to the school property, across Lawrence Street from her house. She said she wanted to be able to "sit on my porch and not have to look at that school." Today, the Gould and Zimmerman homes are on that property adjacent to the school.

Information on how and why the school came to be can be found starting on page 25 in *History of Andover, New Hampshire 1900-1965* by Ralph Chaffee.

historical places in her area. She had no knowledge of the plaque, and her comment about the editorship was, "It was the job from hell."

Bonnie, who also hadn't heard of or seen the plaque, enjoyed her time as editor. She worked on the layout and dedication, and other class members handled other things. She recalls that Timmy Frost did a great job on advertising and Jackie Rayno, class advisor, was "wonderful." At graduation she received a yearbook editor pin, which she still has in her possession.

I had to track Janet to Florida (she was on vacation) and in the process spoke to Murray Smith, who was her classmate. Murray's best class memory was that there were four boys and eleven girls. What guy wouldn't be happy with those odds!

Janet had not seen the plaque either. She thought that they got their

class rings from Jostens. She, too, received a yearbook pin, which she thinks is pinned to her school letter. Her comment on the editorship was, "It was a hell of a job." Sound familiar? She said that if they had had today's technology, it would have been a lot easier.

So it seems our mysterious plaque is still a bit of a mystery. Maybe it was always kept in the attic. We plan to have it on display at the reunion and possibly at the Andover library. For the class of 1955 it is only 55 years later, but "all good things come to he who waits." Maybe we should put that quote on the plaque.

If any alumni out there can shed any light on our plaque or have yearbook memories they would like to share, please write to the *Beacon* at PO Box 149, Andover 03216 or Mail@AndoverBeacon.com.



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Bells and Whistles Once Marked Daily Life in Andover

Now a Proctor bell will ring on Fourth of July

By Heather Makechnie
Beacon staff

Just think of all the sounds that used to help bind the Andover community together.

Perhaps it started way back when Joseph Fellows first settled in the Flaghole district. Just maybe he blew a corny oxen horn to communicate with his wife that he was still all right out there in the back pasture.

Certainly when the militia drilled at the Centre, there was a good deal of bugle blowing, and most likely a few stray cannon explosions as well.

When the Fourth Turnpike was built from Concord to White River, the great stagecoaches, hauling freight and passengers, would pull up to the shed, which is still part of Proctor Block. The teamster would often announce the arrival with a blast on his horn.

Then came the trains. Halcyon, The Plains, Andover, Potter Place, Gale Crossing; each station heard the blast of the train whistles as they approached. Andoverites could tell the time by those whistles. Says Paul Fenton, "There were always trains from the last half of the nineteenth century until somewhere around the 1960s. The trains had to blow their

whistles at every location where the roads crossed the rail tracks. When the morning train took milk to Manchester and Boston its whistle would blow around 7 AM. Then there was the noon train, the four o'clock train, and the Peanut that came through headed towards White River Junction around 7 PM. If anyone was outside working and did not have a watch, it was easy to tell what time of day it was when they heard the train whistle at the different crossings."

At both the Andover and East Andover Fire Stations, sirens were employed as part of the fire and civil defense warning systems. Again, Paul Fenton: "There were sirens in Andover and East Andover which were sounded whenever there was an emergency, whether a fire, a lost person in the woods, or whatever event might occur with which it was felt that help was needed."

The hame factory on Bradley Lake Road blew its whistle to mark the work periods of the day. Clyde Currier recalls, "Grandfather Eugene Currier [who built the house on Beech Hill where Clyde and Shirley raised their own family and live currently] used to say that at noon the hame shop whistle would blow for lunch, and he would run up the steep hillside [this was before there were other houses and properties; it was just fields then] and hurry

to feed the cattle before the 12:30 whistle blew to get back to work."

Clyde also remembers his mother, Etta Currier, blowing a police whistle when it was time for the children to come home to eat.

And how many remember any of the children's camps in Andover –

The Miller twins will ring the bell atop Maxwell Savage Hall at 10 AM and noon on the Fourth of July.

Kel-Dave, Ragged Mountain, Marlyn – and the sound of the lonely bugle blowing taps to the accompanying loon call?

In the Andover Historical Society's collection is a hand bell rung by the teacher at Cilleyville to bring students in from play and to call the class to order. But both Victor Phelps and Paul Fenton reminisce about the bell in the old Andover Elementary School, which is currently the Andover Library. Patrons in the library can still see the pull rope which disappears into the ceiling and then up to the belfry, where resides that same bell once used to signal the school periods.

Says Paul, "From time to time the older boys were allowed to ring the bell. Sometimes their exuberance caused them to turn the bell over and then they were required to climb up into the belfry and turn it back to its proper position so that it could be rung again." Victor Phelps chuckles, "The old Postmaster, Chuck Stone, used

to say about the morning bell which called the eight grades to that building, 'Hear the bell, run like hell.'"

When Andover High School opened in the fall of 1934, it had an electronic bell system. What progress!

Proctor Bells

Proctor Academy has had its share of bells, one of which was cast by Paul Revere and Sons. That one, unfortunately, melted to a puddle of bronze when the old Academy building burned. However, there is a bell in the belfry of the Infirmary building at the corner of North Street and Observatory Lane. Chuck Will, Communications Officer at Proctor, delights in telling this story:

"The white clapboard chapel on Proctor's campus has served as the Health Center for more than 50 years. For most of those years, the steeple was exposed to mold and mildew. I often complained about it as an eyesore. About 20 years ago, Proctor's Director of Buildings and Grounds informed me that the steeple was going to be rebuilt – so I could stop complaining – and that the bell was going to be returned to the belfry.

"The bell? There's a bell?" I asked. I was introduced to the prettiest bell I have ever seen, resting on a filthy dirt floor. Will Ames suggested that I might want to polish it up, so a few hearty men helped us lift it into the back of my truck. Wondering whether I could just rub some Noxon on it to get it all nice and shiny, I drove to Franklin to get the opinion of Lincoln Charles. The noted metalsmith gasped when he saw the bell!

"It's perfect!" he insisted, 'Look at the patina! Don't do a thing to it!'

See Bells on page 19

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Bells from page 18

“Mr. Charles examined the bell very closely, looking for critical identifying marks. ‘If I could determine where it was cast, I could tell you exactly what it’s worth,’ he lamented, shaking his head.

“Well...like...how much is it possibly worth?” I asked.

“Oh, this bell is certainly worth \$75,000!” he declared. Shocked, I returned the bell for its installation in the new belfry without telling anyone my precious secret for fear that the school might sell it. That secret ended when the bell was safely in place above North Street.”

The other bell at Proctor is in the steeple of Maxwell Savage Hall. It continues to be rung whenever Proctor wins a game or to call students to Assembly each day. A zealous town resident rang it as midnight gave way to New Years Day in the year 2000.

This year Brenden and Michael Miller, both kindergarteners at Andover Elementary/Middle School, will ring the Maxwell Savage bell to celebrate the Fourth of July. They have earned that privilege with their record of perfect attendance this year. Listen for the bell to ring at 10 AM to mark the beginning of the opening ceremonies of Andover’s Fourth of July celebration, and again at noon to mark the beginning of the Fourth of July parade.

A History Mystery

MOVING THE BAGGAGE SHED

Rocky Theodore, who ran Rocky’s Roost and later The Stable on Main Street in the 1970s, brought these pictures to the *Beacon* last month. The photos were taken on December 30, 1965 and show John Jurta loading a building at Potter Place to take it to Putney Road. Rocky was told that the building had been the railroad’s baggage shed.

Here’s the mystery: nothing in the Andover Historical Society’s ar-



chives matches this building up with any known railroad building in Potter Place. “Baggage Shed” doesn’t appear on any of the property inventories in the archives, nor does the mystery building seem to match any of the buildings seen in the many archive photos of Potter Place.

Another mystery (which might help solve the first): who are the people in the photo? Who took the photo? And where are these people now?

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1899: Andover's First Old Home Day Drew a Crowd From Far and Wide

By Ed Hiller
Andover Historical Society

This year the Andover Historical Society will host its annual Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 1, at its facilities in Potter Place, as it has done for the last 21 years. In a sense, this fair is considered an "old home day" event that has become traditional in many New Hampshire towns. I thought it might be interesting to look into the origins of this traditional festival and to compare the description of Andover's first Old Home Day with our Old Time Fair, which we are all familiar with today.

The concept of holding an annual "Old Home Day" in New Hampshire towns was first proposed and elaborated by Governor Rollins in 1899. As a result, a state association was established to coordinate and organize the events statewide, with Governor Rollins as president and Andover's Nahum Bachelder (then Secretary of Agriculture, and later Governor) as secretary.

Each town established an association to arrange the Old Home Day events in its community. Names and addresses of former residents and natives of each town were forwarded to the secretary of the state association, and some 20,000 personal invitations were sent out to attend their own town events.

Andover held its first Old Home Day in August, 1899. It took place on the banks of Highland Lake in East

Andover, at what was known then as Bryant Grove, later the site of Orchard House. Andover's esteemed Dr. Henry A. Weymouth was the master of ceremonies. The affair involved basket lunches, band and choral music, poetry readings, and of course addresses by various worthies of the time, including the Hon. Napoleon B. Bryant, Prof. J. R. Eastman (author of *History of Andover, New Hampshire*) and Frank J. Brown (author of a series of reminiscences of East Andover).

The following article, printed in the *Franklin Journal-Transcript* of September 1, 1899, reported on the day's events.

Andover Old Home Day, 1899

Program Was Interesting and Attendance Large

The program for Old Home Day at Andover was successfully carried out, with the exception that the time was not long enough for all the good things to be enjoyed. One of the wants of Andover for many years has been a grove well located and in order for out of door meetings. It is hoped that it will be found that this occasion has led to the supply of this want.

The grove by Highland Lake, near East Andover village, was put in order for the occasion, and no more beautiful or suitable spot could be wished for or found anywhere. With the lake in the foreground and Kearsarge towering in

the west and duplicated by reflection in the waters of the lake, a scene of rare beauty was presented to the large company that gathered here for the home greetings.

The Odell band, JW Ladd, leader, furnished music on the arrival of the train and during the day. The forenoon was given to social greetings, singing the old songs *Home, Sweet Home, Home Again, Auld Lang Syne*, and others, led by Mrs. Burleigh of Franklin and the Titania quartet of Andover, the songs being interspersed by music by the band.

At 12:30 the baskets were opened, tables being set for guests from out of town, and the dinner enjoyed.

At 1:30 Dr. HA Weymouth took the chair for the afternoon exercises. Rev. TJ Lewis offered fervent prayer. An eloquent welcome was extended by CE Carr, Esq., who read an original poem. Mrs. Mary Fellows Burleigh sang *Hurrah for Old New England*, changed for this occasion to *Hurrah for Old New Hampshire*.

Hon. NB Bryant delivered an eloquent address, compact with wit, wisdom, and sentiment in honor of home, home influences, and virtues. He was speaking to his neighbors, in a grove which was a part of his former homestead, now owned by his nephew, Jerry Bryant of Boston, and all the circumstances lent impressiveness to his oratory.

Mr. Bryant was followed by Prof. JR Eastman, Barron Shirley, Esq., Chas. L. Clay of Harvard, Massachusetts, Frank J. Brown of Laconia, and Hon. HM Putney of Manchester. A poem by Miss Edna Dean Proctor, a former resident of Andover, written for Old Home week, was read by Miss Jeanette O. Durgin. The Titania quartet was under the necessity of taking the train without singing the songs which they prepared.

Much credit is due to the people of East Andover for their good preparation of the grounds and for their dinner service.

Jesse Baker, aged 91, one of the oldest persons in Andover, was presented to the audience by President Weymouth.

Sixty-three names of non-residents

of Andover, who had formerly lived in town, were registered. Many were the greetings of those who had not seen each other for years. Mrs. NY Thompson met five different men who had sometime had their home with her, and they all lunched together. Many failed to register.

Some of those who were present from abroad were Mrs. Burleigh, CEF Davis, Emma F. Davis, Hazel Gordon, Rhoda L. Shaw, Lydia C. Leavenworth, Mrs. LL Hamilton, Fanny L. Hamilton, Mrs. MG Woodward, Edith L. Shaw, Mary L. Shaw, all of Franklin Falls; WW Stevens, Joliet, Illinois; CW Woodbury, MA Woodbury, New London; Lucy AW Whitcomb, Bernette S. Whitcomb, Elkins; Mrs. BB Flanders, Dalton Flanders, Robert Flanders, Mrs. RC Carr, Hon. HM Putney, Manchester; Mrs. Mary F. Bachelder Emery, Lynn, Massachusetts; JH Rowell, Miss MA Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morse, JE Morrill, Franklin; Miss Jane Mitchell, Haverhill, Massachusetts; Abbie M. Chase, Milton, Massachusetts; Mr. and Mrs. Busiel, Bedford; JS Tucker, North Grafton, Massachusetts; Miss Emroy Wilkins, South Danbury; Harrison Colby, Judith EW Colby, Bow Mills; Miss Helen M. Eastman, Lawrence, Massachusetts; Ola Brown Higgins, Somerville, Massachusetts; CM Cilley, Hill; RC Beatty, Kennebunkport, Maine; Frank J. Brown, Laconia; JC Kilburn, AC Graves, Henniker; Richard A. Lantry, Mrs. Lantry, Hookset; CL Clay, Mrs. Clay, Harvard, Massachusetts; Steven S. Currier, Everett, Massachusetts; Capt. GW Chase, River Sioux, Iowa; Daniel F. Chase, Somerville, Massachusetts; GL Currier, Winchendon, Massachusetts; John F. Gale, Newport, Vermont; DW Sullivan, Concord; Nellie S. Huntoon, Contoocook; SC Durgin, Wilmot; LF Weare, Laconia; BF Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, Webster; Mrs. Jerry Bryant, Boston; WH Tucker, Laconia; Capt. JP Thompson, USA.

Letters were read from Mrs. Sophronia Philbrick and Josephine Warren.

The exercises were closed by singing *America*, followed by the benediction by Rev. TJ Lewis.



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Reminiscence

On the Road in 1949

By Walter Walker
Andover High School '49

Walter Walker accompanied Harold Crane and Skip Powers on an epic summer trip around the United States in 1949. This month we continue with excerpts from Walter's journal.

July 3: We entered Illinois at 1:45 AM. I drove until 3 AM, and then Harold took over and drove until 7:45 AM when Skip took over. We saw General Grant's home at 7:45 AM. We entered Iowa at 8:10 AM.

Entered Minnesota at 11:55 AM. Had a blowout and had to buy a new tire. Drove until midnight, then pulled off the road and slept in sleeping bags. The Mississippi wasn't as big as I expected it to be.

July 4 and 5: Up and off at 4:30 AM. Temperature at 8 AM – 110 degrees! We just discovered we missed a



Skip (l) and Harold at Niagara Falls.

turn, and thus the state of Wisconsin! At St. Joseph we found we needed a new bearing in the back left wheel. We crossed into Kansas at 10:30 PM. We pulled off into a back road and hit the sack at 11:30 PM in an apple orchard. That morning it took three firecrackers to wake Skip, who was still asleep at 8:45 AM! More car trouble. The brakes need a new master cylinder.

July 7: We finally find work in Grand Island.

July 8: We report to work at 7



The boys' "home" in Nebraska for three weeks. Photos: Walter Walker

AM. We work helping to store wheat in buildings that were at one time a military base. We three work as a team, trading off every hour or so. The guy inside with the scoop that is pulled by an old John Deere tractor and a series of ropes and pulleys has the worst job, in the heat and dust.

July 9: We work from 6 AM until noon. We also were put on new hours: 4 AM to 1 PM. We are not happy, but it's either "their way or the highway"!

July 11: Up at 3:10 AM and to work at 4:55 AM. After work, we went back to the hotel where we had been staying and were told we could not stay there any more because of our new hours!

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Calendar Of Old Andover Schoolhouses Is Here

By Nancy Tripp
Andover Historical Society

Mark your calendar ... and have we got a calendar for you!

Three members of the Andover Historical Society have created a calendar highlighting the many historical schoolhouses of Andover. The 12 photos of Andover's one-room schoolhouses are fascinating, humorous, and offer a wealth of information. The pages are printed on thick and durable paper, and the color of the photos lends a tone of antiquity.

These calendars will make perfect places to write reminders of upcoming Historical Society events! They also will be inexpensive and unusual birthday and holiday gifts to give or to receive.

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The calendars can also be purchased at the Historical Society's table on the Village Green on Sunday, July 4, and at the Old Time Fair at Potter Place on Sunday, August 1.

The Old Time Fair is open from 9 AM to 2 PM. The flea market opens at 9 AM, and the Andover One Wheelers will perform at 10 AM. There will be live music by NewFound Grass, a local bluegrass band, from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. The auction begins at noon, and, of course, there will be lots of food, a farmers market, children's games, vendors, and demonstrators. So mark your new calendars!

Potter Cellarhole Garden

Regarding the cellarhole garden at the site of the old Potter place, Ken Reid reports that the garden continues to expand. The rains have been helpful, allowing plants to be successfully transplanted and to catch hold. We hope residents will visit and enjoy this peaceful space.

The Historical Society would like to thank Roberts Greenhouses in Webster for their generous donation of several plants for the shade garden. Ken still desperately needs cuttings of shade-loving plants – hosta, ferns, etc. He will be glad to pick up the plants and do the transplanting. His phone is 735-5512.

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A New Excerpt From *Halfway Up The Hill*

Copies of Paul Fenton Jr.'s *Halfway Up the Hill* are still available. The book is based on a series of articles written for The Andover Beacon from July 1991 through June 2003 in which he reminisces about growing up in Andover.

Half Way Up The Hill can be purchased for \$15 from the Andover Historical Society, the Salisbury Historical Society, by calling Paul at 735-5754, or by stopping by his home halfway up Beech Hill at 125 Beech Hill Road here in Andover.

Here is an excerpt from page 6:

World War II Fighter Plane

During the 2000 Fourth of July celebration here in Andover I was standing behind the reviewing stand, after having gone around to the different booths and checking out their offerings, when Wayne Nicoll hollered down from the reviewing stand, "Do you know anything about an airplane that was parked somewhere around here years ago? That fellow over there was asking, and I don't remember anything like that."

I went over and spoke to the gentleman and told him that one used to be parked on the east side of Proctor Academy's Maxwell Savage Hall. "Thank God someone finally believes me!" he said. He told me that from time to time he would come to our Fourth of July celebration and ask

around about the plane, but no one seemed to remember it.

If I remember correctly, he said that it was an F4U10 Corsair. I am not sure if the letters and numbers are correct, but

he did say Corsair and that it was a plane that was used on aircraft carriers in the Pacific during World War II. He wondered if I knew how it happened to be placed there. I had no idea but I told him that I was going to try and find out.

I did know that the plane showed up there some time after World War II ended. I could not

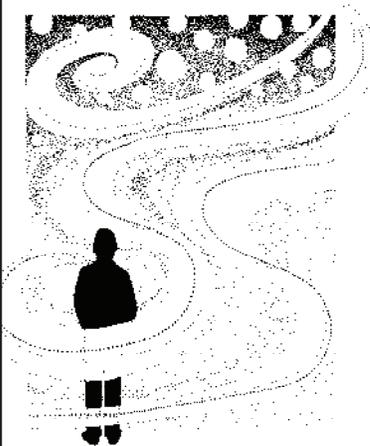
remember when it was removed. He told me that he was a former navy man and that as a truck driver out of Massachusetts he often passed through Andover and looked forward to seeing the plane as he passed through town,

The plane's flying controls were operable, and kids in town used to sit in the cockpit and move the rudder stick and watch the wing and tail flaps move. The guns had been removed, but where they used to be could be seen.

I used to crawl in the tail section through a special access panel, more than likely for maintenance use, and often sat in the cockpit dreaming of what it must have been like flying a plane like that during the war. It was a great place to play if you were 12 or 13 years old.



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Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Collection of Antique Schoolbooks Donated

By Donna Baker-Hartwell
Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

The Andover Historical Society recently was given a collection of old schoolbooks which are available for visitors to browse when visiting the schoolhouse. The oldest arithmetic book in our collection dates to 1877.

From *Atwood Complete Graded Arithmetic, Grade VII*, circa 1902: "A rectangular piece of land 25 chains long contains 52.5 acres. How wide is it?"

Mary Lloyd Evans of Highland Lake Apple Farm visited the schoolhouse in June and was browsing through some of the recently donated schoolbooks. She came across this math problem and wondered if any student today would know what a "chain" is. Do any of the *Beacon* readers know?

I asked Mary to explain, and this is what she told me. "Rods and chains

are old colonial measurements used to measure roads and used in surveying. There are 22 yards in a chain. By the way, a chain is the length of a cricket pitch. There are 10 chains in a furlong and eight furlongs in a mile."

If you would like to challenge yourself to a few math problems, please join us on Sunday, July 11, from 1 to 3 PM. Mary will be a guest at our open house and be available to "tutor" math of the late 1800s and early 1900s. She currently teaches at the New Hampshire Technical Institute.

The one-room schoolhouse was built in 1837 and served the Tucker Mountain community for 56 years. It remains in its original condition under the care and ownership of the Andover Historical Society. As Fritz Wetherbee of *New Hampshire Chronicle* recently stated, "It's the best one-room schoolhouse in New Hampshire."

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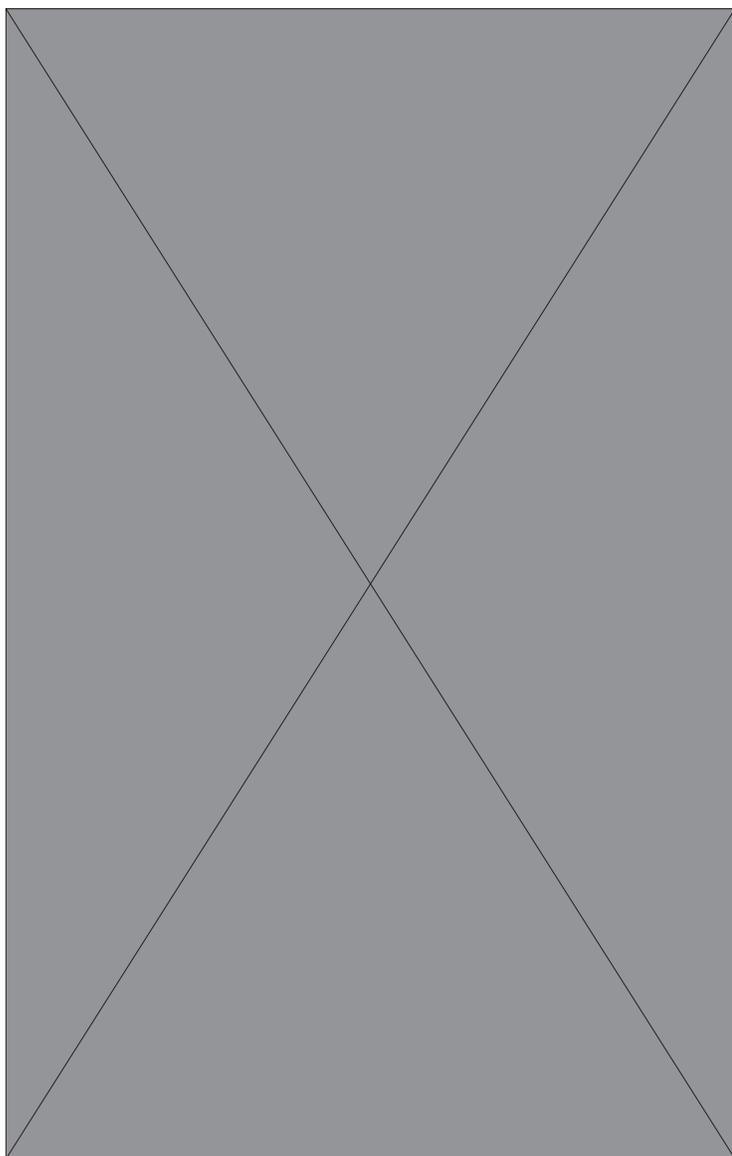
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The Andover Food Pantry's shelves have been pretty bare throughout June. Donations are down significantly, but the need for non-perishable staples is still strong. Please help by making a donation to the Andover Lions for the food pantry or by dropping off non-perishable staples (whose expiration dates haven't passed!) at the pantry in the basement of the Town Hall. Thank you!
Staff photo and caption: Charlie Darling



(L-r) Joyce Egge of Danbury, Hannah Howard of Salisbury, and Ellen Flatley of Ashland were among the 21 volunteers who helped clean up the Northern Rail Trail in Andover on National Trails Day, June 5. Joyce, Hannah, and Ellen are horseback riders and members of the Blackwater Trail Riders, which supports the Rail Trail with donations of time and money. The club's members enjoy horseback rides on the trail most weekends and sometimes during the week.
Staff photo: Bob Bussey

FNRT Volunteers Clean Up On National Trails Day

FNRT press release

Although the walk/hike portion of the National Trails Day celebration on the Northern Rail Trail in Franklin was cancelled due to weather, the trail work project in Andover was not. Twenty-one volunteers showed up to pull, mow, whack, and shovel encroaching vegetation from parts of the rail trail near Blackwater Park.

Among the group of workers armed with loppers and rakes were three members of the Blackwater Trail Riders Horse Club who helped clear a trestle bridge near Short Road. Other teams cleared brush along the open rail trail, shoveled runoff from the walkway above the trail at the tunnel, and graded

and added hardpack to the tunnel surface. Howard George brought his wonderful tractor/shovel to help with the tunnel work, something that was badly needed for safety reasons.

All in all, the contribution of time and effort was a nice tribute to National Trails Day.

Among those participating were: Lori Cox, Bert and Lee Carvalho, Derek Mansell, Mike Loomis, Harvey and Rosie Best, Alex Bernhard and Myra Mayman, Lindy and Craig Heim, Tom Frantz, Susan and Larry Chase, Bob Ward, Howard George, Chris and Tim Norris, and Hannah Howard, Joyce Egge, and Ellen Flatley of the Blackwater Trail Riders.

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Pirates of Penzance opens the New London Barn Playhouse's season.

Comedy, Music, And Drama At The Barn In July

Barn Playhouse press release

The New London Barn Playhouse has traditionally presented a musical revue on select Monday nights throughout the summer. This summer's offering is *Side by Side by Sondheim*. The sophistication, wit, insight, heart, and genius of Broadway's most innovative and influential artist is at the center of this tribute to composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim. This gorgeous and fast-paced evening features such hits as *Broadway Baby*, *Send in the Clowns*, and the brilliant opening number, *Comedy Tonight*.

Side by Side By Sondheim is presented on Mondays, June 28, July 12, August 2, and August 16. All performances are at 8 PM.

Pirates of Penzance

Pirates of Penzance launches the musical offerings for the New London Barn Playhouse's 2010 Season. This raucous and rowdy musical comedy, complete with swordfights, romance, and plot twists, is one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most beloved operettas and promises a joyous evening for all ages.

Pirates of Penzance begins with a celebration of young Frederic's completion of his indenture to a band of tenderhearted, orphaned pirates to whom he was mistakenly apprenticed when his nursemaid Ruth misheard his father's instructions to

apprentice him to a pilot. Frederic reveals his plans to leave the pirates and return to respectable society, only to discover that his contract was to remain in the service of the Pirate King until his 21st birthday, and being born in a leap year on February 29th, Frederic will not reach 21 birthdays until he is in his 80s.

Before learning this fact, however, Frederic has fallen in love with Mabel, the daughter of a Major-General, and vows to marry her, although his sense of duty binds him to the Pirate King. By the end of the show, Frederic, the Pirate King and his jolly band, the Major-General and his family of beautiful, unwed daughters, and the Major-General's bumbling police force contribute to a cacophony of song and swashbuckling that is silenced only by invoking the name of Queen Victoria.

Full of colorful characters, playful wordplay, and memorable songs – *I am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General* is the subject of innumerable parodies – *Pirates of Penzance* has had a lasting influence on more than a cen-

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Local Photography Exhibit Opens July 16 At Library

Andover Library press release

Northern Exposures, an exhibit of local photographic and video images made by local residents, will open for a six-week showing at the Andover Library on Friday, July 16. The exhibit will be open to the public during normal library hours at no charge.

A reception, also open to the public, will take place between 5 and 7 PM on the day of the opening. Participating photographers will be on hand to discuss their work.

The exhibit was organized by local resident Larry Chase with the support of the Andover Library trustees as well as librarians Priscilla Poulin and Mary Sell. It has three goals, according to trustee Robin Boynton: to promote wider awareness and use of Andover's two libraries, to celebrate the beauty of Andover and its surroundings, and to showcase the work of local photographers.

After the exhibit closes in the Andover Library on Saturday, August 28, it will move to the Bachelder Library on Chase Hill Road in East Andover, where it will re-open for a six-week run with a reception on Friday, September 3.



Lew Allison's iconic shot of the Cileyville-Bog Bridge is part of *Northern Exposures*, which opens Friday, July 16 at the Andover Library.

Exhibitors, all with close ties to Andover, will include Lew Allison, Jay Boynton, Bob Bussey, Madeline Cryan, Larry Chase, Rick Libbey, Patrice Martin, Marty McAuliff, Ethney McMahon, and Chuck Will.

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Proud grandfather Frank Haley with his granddaughters Mariah (in back), Katelin (l), and Shannon Haley.

Frank Haley Tops \$5,000 In Fundraising For Blind Awareness

By Laretta Phillips
For the Beacon

Frank Haley was honored on June 5 at the Blind Awareness Walk in Concord. Not only did Frank win the trophy again this year for raising the most donations for an individual, but he was given a special plaque honoring him for his dedication to Blind Awareness and the services it provides the blind community.

For six out of seven of the years he has been walking in this event, Frank

has brought home the trophy for being the individual who raised the most money. His goal this year was to top all the years previous, and he did that with some to spare. His total for this year was over \$5,000, bringing the total he has raised for the event to \$21,113.

Frank's wife Ann; his granddaughters Mariah, Shannon, and Kate; and two of his daughters-in-law, Norma and Vickie Haley, walked with him

See Frank on page 29

Cam Wood Addresses Memorial Day Gathering

On Memorial Day, residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home (NHVH) were joined by family, friends, and special guests as they gathered in their Town Hall to honor deceased soldiers. Boy Scout and Tilton School student Cameron Wood of Andover was one of those asked to present a Memorial Day message at the gathering.

"It's a very brave and loyal person who is willing to leave their family and fight for our country without hesitation," he said.

Cam sees that commitment of the servicemen and the support of the families left behind through his friend, whose father is serving in Iraq. In his Memorial Day message, Cam recalled the history of Memorial Day and commented, "To me, Memorial Day is a day to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in a war so I can live in a country where I am free to be whatever I want to be." Cam's grandfather was a US Navy veteran who served on the USS Cabot, an aircraft carrier, during the Korean War.

Cam also announced that his upcoming Eagle Scout project will be the construction of two wheelchair-



Cam Wood spoke at the Memorial Day gathering at the NH Veterans Home. Photo: Karen Frink

accessible picnic tables and wooden flower boxes for residents of NHVH to enjoy.

Other speakers included state representative Patrick Garrity, who delivered the Memorial Day address as a veteran himself and thanked the NHVH for the care his father, a World War II and Korean veteran, received until his death a year ago.

Peg Hodes read a letter from US representative Paul Hodes in which he said that since the beginning of our nation, citizens have answered the call to protect and serve.

A proclamation from Governor John Lynch was also read, in which he encouraged all residents to display the colors of the nation and reflect on the meaning of the day.

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In 1871 the New Hampshire Orphan's Home, later renamed The Daniel Webster Home for Children, was originally incorporated to take care of the orphans of the soldiers of the Civil War. There were thousands of children placed there over 80 years. With the advent of newer approaches to the handling of homeless youngsters, mostly through placing them in foster homes, the Home became under-used. In the last few years it cared for disturbed youth, and then finally merged with the old Golden Rule Farm to form the Spaulding Youth Center in Tilton.

Mrs. Maria Chase, who retired in March, after serving the Town of Andover as its Town Clerk for the past 23 years, will be honored next week by her fellow townsfolk. Her husband, Fred Chase, was appointed clerk in 1915, following the death of George H. Scribner. He held the office until his own death in 1937. From that time until now, Mrs. Chase has been annually re-elected as the Town clerk until she decided to retire this year. For 45 years the records of the town have been kept in the Chase home.

June 30: The Trustees of Proctor Academy have named Ernest L. Sherman of Bradford, as Assistant to the Headmaster. He will fill the position recently left vacant by Roland W. Burbank, who left Proctor in 1955 to be Headmaster of Cardigan Mountain School.

One hundred and thirty-five alumni and their spouses recently met at the Town Hall for the first Andover High School Alumni Association dance. Spot Waltz prize was won by Robert MacDonald '57, and by Betty Andrews Miller '46, with their partners. Eleanor Smith George '58

won the door prize. Mr. George Corson (teacher, coach, and principal from 1937 to 1952) and his wife led the snowball dance. Eldon Buswell '36, president of the alumni association, greeted the guests and announced an open house and picnic for the following day.

At the open house, which was held at the Andover High School, all present stopped to speak with Herman Seavey, who has been janitor at the school practically since its beginning in 1935. Margaret Frost Fenton '51, secretary and treasurer, gave a report on the activities of the newly organized alumni association. Geneva Smith Jones '35 read the history of the first four-year class to graduate. Dorothy Whitney Fenton, first and only teacher when it began in the firehouse in 1931, spoke to the group. Past principals Ernest Sherman, George Corson, and Ira Stickney gave remarks. A letter from Ella Carr was read, and Victor E. Phelps spoke.

JULY 1960

July 7: The old abandoned Nesmith School property in West Franklin has been sold to a developer who will be turning it into a shopping center housing an A&P supermarket and four other stores.

Tuttle D. Thompson and Ralph E. Davis, both formerly of Andover, have passed away. Mr. Thompson, 52, was born in East Andover, the son of Ernest B. and Stella Thompson. He was employed at the Portsmouth Navy Yard as a shipwright.

Mr. Davis, brother of Mrs. Victor Phelps, graduated Proctor Academy and worked for many years at the Eagle Hotel in Concord, as well as the Odd Fellows Home and the State Hospital.

July 14: Sky-Hi Drive In theater, on Route 3 in Boscawen, is featuring Bridgette Bardot in *Female and the Flesh*, as well as Fabian in *Hound-Dog Man* this week-end.

The firemen were kept busy last Wednesday when they were called to fight a fire at the dump and had only just returned to the station when they were called to fight a fire set on the tracks by a passing train.

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tury of musical theater.

Pirates of Penzance runs through Sunday, July 4.

Hello, Dolly!

Hello, Dolly! is a hilarious musical that tells the story of Miss Dolly Levi, professional meddler, as she attempts to make matches for several lovesick young people and more importantly – herself! When it premiered on Broadway in 1964 with Carol Channing as Dolly, it swept the Tonys, winning ten awards including Best Musical and Best Lyricist and Composer.

Hello, Dolly! runs from Tuesday, July 6, until Sunday, July 18.

Sleuth

The hit Tony Award-winning whodunit, *Sleuth*, will be presented for one week only from Tuesday, July 20, to Sunday, July 25. This ultimate game of cat-and-mouse is played out in a cozy English country house when a celebrated mystery

writer seeks revenge on his wife's young lover. Full of brilliant suspense, *Sleuth* won the Tony and Drama Critics Circle awards as Best Play of the Season.

Hairspray

The Broadway smash hit *Hairspray* runs for two weeks from Tuesday, July 27, until Sunday, August 8. *Hairspray* sweeps audiences away to 1960s Baltimore, where lovable plus-size heroine Tracy Turnblad has a passion for dancing and wins a spot on the local TV dance program. Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can she manage to vanquish the program's reigning princess and find true love without mussing her hair?

Times And Tickets

Evening performances are at 8 PM Tuesday through Saturday and 5 PM Sunday. Wednesday matinees are at 2 PM. Please call 526-4632/6710 or 800-633-BARN (2276) for tickets or more information. Tickets can also be purchased online at NLBarn.org/boxoffice.

Frank from page 28

this year.

Frank wishes to thank the Andover community and his friends and family for their support. Without their generous donations, he could not have reached his goals, and many people in the blind community would be missing some of the benefits brought to them by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind. Proceeds from the walk help

support many of the rehabilitation services to adults and children living with blindness in New Hampshire.

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ON-GOING EVENTS

Andover Library

Saturdays, 10 AM to noon

Alcoholics Anonymous

Sundays, 10 AM to 11:15 AM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place

Andover AI-Anon

Mondays, Highland Lake Grange Hall
Confidential first-name basis only.
Open to all. Information: 344-1669 or 934-4360.

Andover Horseshoe Club

Thursday nights, Monticello Drive
For info, call Norm at 768-3262.

Northern Exposures

Fri, Jul 16 to Sat, Aug 28
Andover Library

Local photographic and video images. Open to the public during normal library hours.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Fourth of July Boat Parade

Sat, Jul 3, 4 PM, Highland Lake
Gather on west side of the lake to begin procession around the whole lake.

Flare Lighting

Sat, Jul 3, 9 PM, Highland Lake

Andover Fourth of July

Sun, Jul 4
See the complete schedule on page 1.
Rain date: July 6 for fireworks only!

Ice Cream Social

Sun, Jul 4, 6:30 PM
East Andover Fire House
Sponsored by Highland Lake Protective Association

Town Offices Closed

Mon, Jul 5
Andover Town Offices, including the Town Clerk and Tax Collector, will be closed for the holiday.

Blackwater Grange

Thu, Jul 8, 7:30 PM
Masonic Hall, Potter Place

Andover High Reunion

Sat, Jul 10, 10 AM
Walker Brook Road, South Danbury
AE/MS will be open from 9 to 10:30 AM so alumni/ae can see the new gym. In case of rain, the event will be held in the gym instead of in Danbury. For details, see page 1.

Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Sun, Jul 11, 1 PM to 3 PM
Tucker Mountain Road, East Andover
Browse the schoolhouse's new collection of old schoolbooks.

Andover Democrats

Tue, Jul 13, 7 PM
Lake Farm Realty Office

Northern Exposures

Fri, Jul 16, 5 PM to 7 PM
Andover Library
Reception to kick off display of local photographic and video images.

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail

Wed, Jul 21, 7 PM,
Andover Fire House

Highland Lake Protective Association Annual Meeting

Sat, Jul 24, 10 AM
East Andover Fire House
Winner of photography contest will be announced.

Andover Fish & Game

Tue, Jul 27, 7:30 PM
Clubhouse, Channel Road

EAFD Chicken BBQ

Sat, Jul 31, 5 PM to 7 PM
East Andover Fire House
Raffling a 12' canoe with paddles and life vests.

Historical Society Old Time Fair

Sun, Aug 1, 9 AM to 2 PM
Potter Place
Flea market 9-2. Auction at noon. Music, farmer's market, crafters, museums. See ad on page 25.

Andover Lions Lobster Bake

Sat, Aug 14, 4 PM to 6:30 PM
Proctor Field House
Lobster or Rib-Eye Steak, \$20. Chinese Auction. See ad on page 25.

ELSEWHERE

ON-GOING EVENTS

Wilmot Farmers' Market

Saturdays through Oct 2, 9 AM to noon
Wilmot Flat Green

Wilmot Historical Room

Saturdays, 10 AM to noon
Wilmot Town Offices
A large display of town memorabilia.

Franklin Rotary

Tuesdays, 7 AM, Soda Shoppe
901 Central Street, Franklin

Blood Pressure Clinic

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 AM to noon
VNA, New London

Story Time and Crafts

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 AM
Franklin Public Library
Free and open to children of all ages and from any town with no sign-up needed.

Foot Care Clinic

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays,
9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, VNA, New London
Call 526-4077

Movie Night

Thursday nights, 6:30 PM
New London Outing Club Indoor Center
See ad on page 25.

New London Rotary

Fridays, 7:30 AM, New London Inn

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Franklin Historical Society

Thu, Jul 1, 7 PM
Webster Place, off Route 3
A review of recent donations and a slide show of vintage photos of North Main, South Main, and Central Streets.

Advance Directive Assistance

Tue, Jul 6, 10 AM to 11 AM
Franklin Regional Hospital
Care managers will offer assistance in completing your Advance Directives. For info: 527-7120

Nostalgia at King Ridge

Wed, Jul 7, 5:30 PM, King Ridge,
Signore Residence, Summit Road
Tickets \$65. For info: 526-6711

Boston Brass

Thu, Jul 8, 7:30 PM
First Baptist Church, New London
Tickets \$25. For info: 526-8234

Intertribal Pow-Wow

Sat, Jul 10 to Sun, Jul 11, 10 AM
Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum,
Warner
Admission: \$8.50. See ad on page 23.

King Solomon Lodge Chicken BBQ

Sun, Jul 11, 4 PM to 7 PM
Masonic Hall, Elkins
\$13 per meal, reservations requested. Tammy Jackson Band will be playing at the bandstand. See ad on page 2.

Healthy Cooking

Mon, Jul 12, 6 PM to 7 PM
Kearsarge Cooperative Grocer
Reservations required. Free. Call 526-6650 or visit KearsargeCoop.coop.

Bandstand Concert Dinner

Sat, Jul 17, 6 PM to 8 PM
Wilmot Bandstand, Wilmot Flat
Wilmot Ladies Aid Society will be offering a complete chili dinner for \$5. In case of rain, Wilmot Town Hall in Wilmot Center. For info: 526-6376.

Justin McKinney

Sat, Jul 17, 8 PM, Franklin Opera House
Native New Hampshire blue-collar comedian has performed on Comedy Central and The Tonight Show. Tickets: 934-1901 or TheMiddleNH.org.

Community Lawn Party

Sun, Jul 18, 2 PM to 5 PM
Franklin Regional Hospital
Celebrating Franklin Regional Hospital's centennial. Food, music, displays, memorabilia, and reminiscing.

Gluten-Free Living

Mon, Jul 19, 6 PM to 7 PM
Kearsarge Cooperative Grocer,
New London
Reservations required. Free. Call 526-6650 or visit KearsargeCoop.coop.

Caregiver and Partner Support Group

Thu, Jul 22, 1 PM to 2:30 PM
VNA, New London

Kearsarge Co-op Free BBQ

Thu, Jul 22, 6 PM to 8 PM
Kearsarge Cooperative Grocer,
New London
Celebrate the Co-op's first birthday with free food and barbecue, local vendors, free drawings, give-aways, live music, kids' activities, and, yes, a big birthday cake.

Adam Sandler's The Wedding Singer

Thu, Jul 22 to Sat, Jul 24, 7 PM
Franklin Opera House
It's 1985, and New Jersey's favorite wedding singer is the life of the party until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Tickets: 934-1901 or TheMiddleNH.org.

Antique Show and Sale

Sat, Jul 24, 9 AM to 4 PM
Town Green, New London
See ad on page 25.

Change Your Vibrations, Change Your Life

Mon, Jul 26, 6 PM to 7 PM
Kearsarge Cooperative Grocer,
New London
Reservations required. Free. Call 526-6650 or visit KearsargeCoop.coop.

A Family Cabaret

Thu, Jul 29, 6:30 PM
Franklin Opera House
Jackson Gillman is a compelling storyteller with a heart of gold! Good for all ages. Tickets: 934-1901 or TheMiddleNH.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Sat, Jul 31, 8:30 AM to noon
Franklin Public Works Garage
Andover will not have a hazardous waste collection this year, so Andover residents are welcome at this collection. Call 934-4103 for details.

Bandstand Concert Dinner

Sat, Jul 31, 6 PM to 8 PM
Wilmot Bandstand, Wilmot Flat
Wilmot Ladies Aid Society will be offering a pulled pork sandwich supper for \$5. In case of rain, Wilmot Town Hall in Wilmot Center. For info: 526-6376.

Opera North Fundraiser

Sat, Jul 31, 7 PM, Ware Campus Center, Colby Sawyer College
Fundraiser for Opera North and the Adventures in Learning Scholarship Fund. \$25 per person.

Backyard Composting

Mon, Aug 2, 6 PM to 7 PM
Kearsarge Cooperative Grocer,
New London
Reservations required. Free. Call 526-6650 or visit KearsargeCoop.coop.

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ON-GOING EVENTS

Walking at Proctor

Weekdays, 8:30 AM to 10 AM
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Tom & Tom's Men's Discussion Group

Mondays, 8:45 AM

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Mondays, 10 AM

Chair Exercises

Mondays and Fridays, 10:15 AM

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Duplicate Bridge

Mondays, 1 PM

Bidding boxes

Poker, Tuesdays, 2 PM

Walking for Seniors

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

New London Outing Club

\$2 fee

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM

Choose Life – Regardless

1st and 3rd Wednesdays,
1 PM to 2:15 PM

Lively discussion. Call to register.

Hand and Foot Card Game

Wednesdays, 1 PM

A fun and simple card game

Tai Chi, Wednesdays, 2:30 PM

New London Presbyterian Church

Contract Bridge

Thursdays, 9:30 AM

Bicycle Group

Thursdays, 10 AM

Location and time vary. Call 526-6368 for details.

Dominoes, Thursdays, 1 PM

Scrabble, Fridays, 1 PM

Kayaking, Fridays

Location and time vary. Call 526-6368 for details.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Blood Pressure Clinic

Fri, Jul 2, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Foot Care Clinic

Fri, Jul 2, 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

\$20 (\$25 for diabetics with doctor's order). Call for appointment.

Parkinson Support Group

Tue, Jul 6, 1 PM

Genealogy Workshop

Thu, Jul 8, 10 AM to noon

Long-Term Care Planning

Fri, Jul 9, 10:30 AM

Learn more about your options for long-term care with Wayne Blanchard from ServiceLink. Call to register.

Computer Questions Open Forum

Sat, Jul 10, 9 AM

Bring your computer questions for Laura Thompson. Call to register.

Breakfast Club Book Discussion

Tue, Jul 13, 9:30 AM

Northern Borders by Howard Frank Mosher

Questions About Medicare

Tue, Jul 13, 1 PM to 3 PM

Anita Oelfke will answer Medicare questions. Call 526-6368 to register.

CPR Certification

Thu, Jul 15 and Thu, Jul 22

11 AM to 1 PM

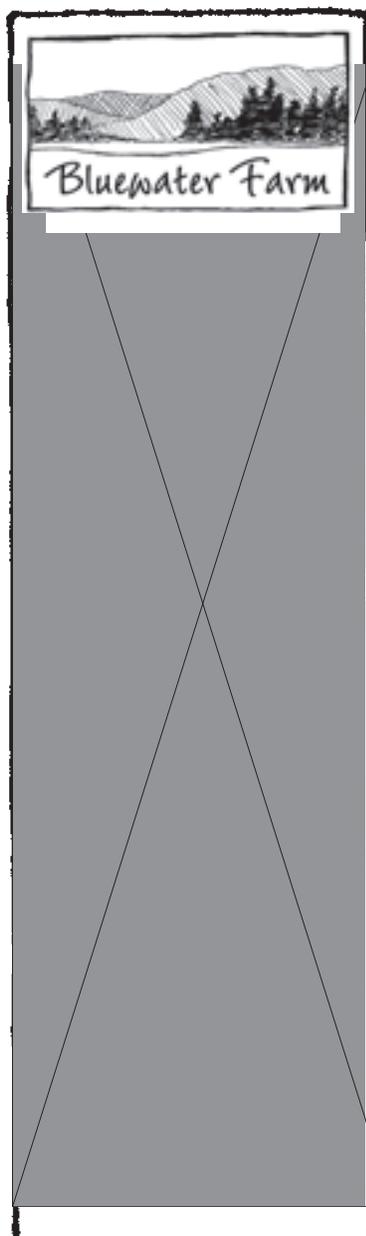
Become certified in Adult, Child, and Infant CPR. Must attend both weeks to be certified. Call to register.

Conversations with Lunch

Sun, Jul 25, noon

First Baptist Church, New London

The Fondtone. Call before Jul 21 to sign up.



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ON-GOING EVENTS

Line Dancing

Mondays and Fridays, 10 AM

Chair Exercises

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 AM

Bingo

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:15 PM

Yoga

Wednesdays, 10 AM

\$7 per session. Enroll: 934-4151.

Senior Walking Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM

Meet at TRIP Center, walk at Odell Park

Internet Surfing and E-mail Tutorials

Wednesdays, 1 PM to 2 PM

Appointment required: 934-4151.

Cafe Bienvenue

Fridays, 11 AM to noon

Buffet-style brunch. Reservations suggested. \$2 seniors. \$6 under 60.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Fourth of July BBQ

Fri, Jul 2, 11 AM

BBQ lunch includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, macaroni salad, ice cream, and more!

Bus to Concord

Mon, Jul 12, 9 AM

\$2 round trip is requested. Sign up: 934-4151

Mystery Luncheon

Mon, Jul 12, 11 AM

Cost of transportation is \$2 and must be paid at time of sign up; lunch is your responsibility. No refunds will be given. Sign up: 934-4151

Wellington State Park

Wed, Jul 14, 11 AM

Enjoy a day at the lake! Car pool from the TRIP Center. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and wear your bathing suits! \$2 donation requested for lunch. Sign up: 934-4151.

Long Term Care Support and Medicare Counseling

Thu, Jul 15, 10:30 AM

ServiceLink Resource Center

Wayne Blanchard available for one-on-one appointment.

Webster Lake Cook-out

Mon, Jul 19, 10:30 AM

Carpool from TRIP or take the bus for \$2 donation. Bring chairs and bathing suits! A \$2 donation is requested for lunch. Sign up: 934-4151.

ServiceLink

Tue, Jul 27, 9 AM to 11 AM

ServiceLink Resource Center

Anita Oelfke will help you with your questions.

Blood Pressure Testing

Tue, Jul 27, 10:30 AM

Provided by Franklin VNA

Elm Brook State Park

Wed, Jul 28, 9 AM

Enjoy a picnic lunch at this beautiful state park. Be sure to wear your bathing suit! \$2 donation is requested for lunch. Sign up: 934-4151.

Western Day BBQ

Fri, Jul 30, 11 AM

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Loons Nesting On Highland Lake

The loons on Highland Lake began nesting on the island on June 21. They are just behind the man-made floating nest. They will sit on the nest for about four weeks. If all goes well, one or two chicks should emerge about July 21.

Sarah Davis, a loon biologist with

the New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee, says it is very important that people observe the yellow caution ribbon on the island, keep dogs off the island, and try not to cause a wake to hit the shore on the south side of the island until after July 21 or, to be on the safe side, July 30.

Exhibit from page 27

An added feature of the exhibit will be a series of opportunities for the public to meet the participants individually through a series of informal evening sessions at the Andover Library. These events will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM beginning on July 21. A complete schedule will be available when the exhibit opens.

As participants' schedules permit, similar meetings may be offered at the Bachelder Library in September and October.

In addition to participants' work, also on display will be a selection of photos from the library's Frank Poblentz collection of historical photos; copies of the Andover Historical Society's 2011 calendar, which features photographs of early Andover schools; and books about photography and photographers

from library holdings.

"We're delighted to host this exhibit," said library trustee Diane Rice. "We're hoping that with sufficient community interest and support it can become an annual event – one that showcases a different mix of local talent each year."

"We're also proud of the community resources our libraries provide and are hoping through events like these to introduce more local residents to them," she continued.

Exhibit hours will coincide with normal Andover Library hours: Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Wednesdays, 9 AM to noon and 6:30 to 8:30 PM; Thursdays, 12:30 to 4:30 PM; and Saturdays, 10 AM to noon.

The Andover Library is located in the Andover Town Hall on School Street. For more information, contact Larry Chase at 735-5021 or LBChase@aol.com.

The following is an excerpt from Helen LaPlante Duchesne's book *In Their Time*, recently re-printed by the Andover Historical Society. The book is about Helen's mother, Dorothy Hersey, growing up on the Hersey farm in East Andover in the early part of the last century.

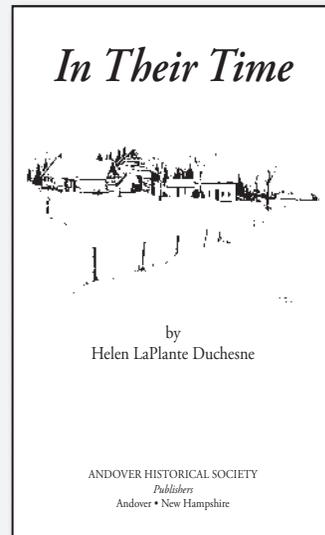
In Their Time is available at the Potter Place museum, on the Village Green on the Fourth of July, or at the Old Time Fair in Potter Place on Sunday, August 1.

An excerpt from *In Their Time*

By Helen LaPlante Duchesne

WASH DAY was a grueling day. Mama [Dorothy Hersey, 1907-1996] helped with bringing the water, one pail at a time, from the pump out by the side of the road. Large set tubs, one for washing and one for rinsing, were placed on a bench in the kitchen. Clothes were soaked in hot soapy water (water from the tank on the stove and probably some water heated on top of the stove), and scrubbed on a scrub board. White clothes were boiled in a big pot on the stove. Clothes were hand wrung and placed in the rinsing tub.

The men wore bib overalls, so the weight of the wet material was exhausting to lift and handle. My mother said, "Papa [Guy Hersey, 1880-1957] always wore overalls. When he died, I didn't know him that way, lying there in his suit."



Most folks only changed clothes once a week, usually after the Saturday night bath, and sometimes even then it was hard to get the menfolk to change, my mother said. She remembered her father didn't like to change his underclothes or take off his long johns. He said he caught a cold whenever he did!

After wringing out the clothes from the rinsing tub, they were carried in a long basket to the clothesline – another heavy job – because the clothes would still be very wet. Grammie [Nannie Robie Hersey, 1885-1967] finished this

backbreaking day by using the leftover water to wash the floors and then carried any remaining water outside to empty.

On ironing day several flat irons were put on the hottest part of the stove to heat. A single detachable handle fit each iron. As the iron became too cool to iron out the wrinkles, it was replaced on the stove and the handle put onto another iron. Thank goodness for wrinkle-free clothing today! To me it was one of the greatest things that happened for women.

Taking a bath was another hard job because of carrying water, though certainly not as difficult as washing clothes. "It was a Saturday night ritual," my mother said. Children took a bath in a tin washtub placed on the floor in the kitchen. Adults and older children took a sponge bath. No wonder perfume (and toilet water for poorer folks) was such a popular Christmas present. I hope the scent lasted all year long!

Going to the bathroom was no small feat either. It was a long, dark, cold walk through the shed and into the barn to reach the privy. Sears and Roebuck catalogue pages were used as toilet paper. Any resemblance to today's bathroom tissue is pure imagination!

Carolyn Stoddard Wins FNRT's "Best Shot" Contest

FNRT press release

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail's (FNRT) photo project, *Give Us Your Best Shot*, was the brainstorm of FNRT volunteer Larry Chase. Beautiful, intriguing, and fun digital photos were submitted to the organization's Web site to celebrate National Trails Day last month.

Nature, wildlife, people enjoying the trail, groups working on the trail, and its unique features were among the subject matter of the photographs. This was a good showing for a first-time event and may become an annual one.

Photos will be displayed wherever FNRT has a physical presence this

summer; the Potter Place kiosk, the Fire Cracker 5K foot race, the Old Time Fair in Potter Place, and trail celebrations to follow. Some may be used in FNRT promotional materials.

FNRT would like to thank all of the photographers for participating; Flash Photo of New London for printing the photos; and the New London Gallery for matting and framing them.

At its June 16 meeting, the FNRT board awarded a mounted golden railroad spike to Carolyn Stoddard of Franklin for her picture of her husband, Ron, and their dog enjoying the rail trail near mile marker #49. Congratulations, Carolyn!



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SRKG Offers Summer Hikes ANDOVER FISH & GAME CLUB

The 2010 Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway (SRKG) summer hike schedule continues with three hikes in July. All hikes are free to the public. Please contact the leader a day before to get details on start time and location. Bring water, sun screen, hat, and a snack.

Saturday, July 10: Summit Bog Mountain in Wilmot, with its granite-faced views of surrounding mountains. 3.5 miles, moderate. Brian Faughnan, 526-7838.

Saturday, July 17: Dig into New Hampshire Trails Day with Ger-

ry Gold, clearing and reblazing on Mount Kearsarge's Lincoln Trail. 7 miles, moderate. 526-2857.

Saturday, July 24: Old logging trails, cellarholes, and special views on the former King Hill ski area in Sutton. 4.5 miles, moderate. Art Robbins, 927-4377.

The SRKG Coalition is a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes hiking and land conservation in the Sunapee-Kearsarge region. Its 75 mile loop through ten area towns is open to all. For information, visit SRKG.com.

**By Gordy Ordway
Andover Fish and Game Club**

We had a great turnout for the kids' fishing derby despite the rainy weather—84 kids plus parents showed up. This is always a great event to get the kids outside and involved in a family sport.

We held our second annual Turkey Pool this spring, sponsored by The Barn Store in Salisbury thanks to Jake, Jim, and the staff—great job! We had 115 entries. This year's winners are Brian Ordway, Lowell Balch, Amanda Mullen, Shirley Johnson,

Charlie Cloutier, Marilyn Ingham, Anthony Palvelio, and Steve Kelley

A special thanks to all the landowners who leave their land open to hunting and fishing—thank you!



Don't forget our famous beef BBQ coming up at AE/MS on Saturday, August 21, from 5 PM to 6:30 PM.

We are always looking for new members. Junior memberships are only \$5; adults are only \$10. Our meetings are the last Tuesday of the month, 7 PM at the Clubhouse on Channel Road at Highland Lake.

Lee Carvalho Named To SRKG Board Of Directors

SRKG press release

Lee Carvalho has become a member of the Board of the SRKGC, which has two directors from each of the ten towns through which the SRK Greenway Trail goes. Lee is replacing Wayne Nicoll, who has resigned after several years of maintaining the SRK and leading hikes for the group.

Retiring from Proctor Academy as Chair of the Math Department a year ago, Lee is interested in leading hikes and helping maintain the 75 miles of the "green necklace" which is the SRK

Trail. Andover's portion is Trail 9 from New Canada Road to Proctor Academy (6.5 miles) and Trail 10 from Proctor Academy to Winslow State Park in Wilmot (6.0 miles). Lee has hiked the entire trail and holds the SRK Certificate. She is also a Lifetime Member and joins Nan Kaplan as the other Director from Andover.

New members are always welcome to the SRKGC. For additional information visit the SRKG Web site, WWW.SRKG.com. Trail Guides are also available from local bookstores.

ASLPT's Annual Art Exhibit Features Lisa Jelleme's Work

ASLPT press release

Once again, the Banks Gallery in New London is organizing the very popular exhibit *Landscapes for Landsake*. This year the exhibit will feature the original oil paintings of selected Ausbon Sargent protected properties painted by two well-known local artists – Lisa Jelleme of Andover and Ron Brown. The exhibit may be viewed in the Ausbon Sargent offices, not in the Banks Gallery.

The opening reception will be held on Saturday, July 31, from 5 to 7 PM. The exhibit will run from July 31 through September 3, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM at the Ausbon Sargent offices at 71 Pleasant Street in New London.

Each of the previous exhibits has been a wonderful success. This year Ausbon Sargent will receive 50% of the sales made. To learn more about the Banks Gallery and these artists, visit TheBanksGallery.com.

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Highland Lake Photo Contest

HLPA press release

We all love the views on and around Highland Lake! Here's a chance to prove your photography skills to your friends and neighbors in Andover.

The Highland Lake Protective Association (HLPA) is sponsoring a contest of photographs of the Highland Lake area within one mile of the lake's edge. Judging will be for quality, content, and beauty. The winner will be announced at the HLPA Annual Meeting on July 24 at 10 AM at the East Andover Fire Station.

You're on your honor to submit photos that are taken by you in the past 12 months and are of the Highland Lake area, not other beautiful areas of New Hampshire, and certainly not of Vermont, Maine, or Massachusetts! Any "appropriate" images in black and white or color are acceptable. This is an amateur contest, so professional photogra-

phers are asked not to participate.

Submit your photographs by July 17 either as a digital image, able to be enlarged to 8" by 10" size, to JamesCooley@rcn.com or send your 8" by 10" photograph to HLPA Photo Contest, PO Box 252, East Andover 03231. Entry fee is \$2 per photo. Your entry should include your name, age, address, e-mail address, and phone number. You may want to include information about where and how you took the picture and with what equipment, but these data are not required.

The winner of the contest will receive half of the entry fees for the contest and bragging rights! The other half of the entry fees will be used to support the water testing program at Highland Lake.

The HLPA will not own the images and will be happy to return to the owner any pictures submitted, if requested.

Blackwater Grange #152

By Bernice Nowell

Blackwater Grange

Blackwater Grange #152 met on June 10 with Master Clayton Nowell presiding and 13 members present. It's good to have Liz Kirby with us again.

Master Nowell has started haying.

The Grange made a donation to the Northern Rail Trail.

The program included poems, a quiz, Name That Fish, and Nuts.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 8, 2010.

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Boston Brass To Perform In New London

Summer Music Assoc. press release

Summer Music Associates is thrilled to present Boston Brass, one of America's premier brass ensembles celebrating their 25th anniversary of exciting performances, at the First Baptist Church in New London on Thursday, July 8, at 7:30 PM.

Their program, entitled *Sunny Days and Latin Nights*, will include their arrangement of Mozart's overture to *The Marriage of Figaro* and suites of Latin American music and Eastern European folk songs. Also featured will be familiar contemporary music such as

Autumn Leaves and the *Bugle Call Rag*.

This will be a fun-filled musical evening. Bring the family.

Tickets: \$25 (students with valid ID, \$5) available at the door, or in advance at the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce information booth and the Morgan Hill Book Store, both on Main Street, New London, or by writing to Summer Music Associates, PO Box 603, New London 03257. Check or cash only. Credit cards not accepted. Seating is general admission. For more information call 526-8234.

Concert Series Comes To Tilton Island Park

The Savina Hartwell Memorial Free Summer Concert series is held every Sunday during July and August at Tilton Island Park. The Island is in the middle of the Winnepesaukee River and is reached by a short, ornate footbridge. A different band will perform each Sunday. The schedule for July is:

- July 4: Amoskeag Banjo Strummers
- July 11: Wayback Machine
- July 18: East Bay Jazz Ensemble
- July 25: '60s Invasion Show

Refreshments are available, but feel free to bring your own picnic. No alcohol please. Do bring chairs and blankets to sit on. The concerts are free to all, cancelled if weather is bad.

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Andover Service Club Awards 2010 Scholarships

By Lois Magenau
Andover Service Club

The Andover Service Club has just completed its scholarship program for the 2010-2011 academic year, and we are pleased to announce that a total of \$5,000 was given out to three very deserving students. The recipients are listed below.

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must have a close tie to the town of Andover. Recipients are chosen based on their academic performance, character attributes, and community involvement.

Diane Rice, my co-chair, and I would like to thank all of those who applied for a scholarship and also the Andover Service Club members for their help in implementing our scholarship program. Thank you, too, to all of those commu-

nity members who support our Club's projects. That's what makes our scholarship program possible!

The Andover Service Club wishes our recipients the very best of luck in their academic endeavors.

2010/2011 Scholarship Recipients

Judith Ann Casey: Judith is continuing her education at the New Hampshire Technical Institute.

Mariah Haley: Mariah graduated this month from Merrimack Valley High School and will be attending Lakes Region Community College in the fall.

Stephanie Nelson: Stephanie also graduated this month from Merrimack Valley High School, and she will be attending the New Hampshire Technical Institute in the fall.

Meetinghouse Readings

Meetinghouse Readings press release

The Meetinghouse Readings, Caanan's long-running grassroots literary reading series, starts its 21st season presenting outstanding and emerging voices in fiction, poetry, and nonfiction on Thursday, July 8. The series' four-week schedule includes appearances by novelist Brunonia Barry, author of publishing sensation *The Lace Reader*; historian and public broadcasting commentator Ellen Fitzpatrick, reading from *Letters to Jackie: Condolences From a Grieving Nation*; and bestselling nature writer Sy Montgomery, who will receive PEN/NNE's Speaking Out Award.

July 8: Ellen Fitzpatrick, *Letters to Jackie: Condolences From a Grieving Nation*

Ivy Pochoda, *The Art of Disappearing*

July 15: Brunonia Barry, *The Lace Reader, The Map of True Places*

Pat Fargnoli, *Then, Something, Dueties of the Spirit*

July 22: Jay Atkinson, *Paradise Road: Jack Kerouac's Lost Highway*

Gary Lenhart, *Light Heart, Father and Son Night*

July 29: PEN Northern New England "Speaking Out" Award Night

Sy Montgomery, *Birdology, The Good Good Pig, Spell of the Tiger*

Steve Almond, *Rock and Roll Will Save Your Life*

The series' first night features Lyme's Ivy Pochoda, reading from her debut novel, *The Art of Disappearing*,

and Ellen Fitzpatrick. A scholar specializing in modern American political and intellectual history, Fitzpatrick is the author and editor of six books and has appeared regularly on PBS's *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. Her latest book, *Letters to Jackie: Condolences From a Grieving Nation*, collects heartfelt testimony from Americans responding to one of the most memorable events of the 20th century: the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The series' final night will honor bestselling Hancock, New Hampshire author Sy Montgomery's advocacy for the essential connection between biodiversity, environmental health, and human dignity. The PEN/NNE "Speaking Out" Award recognizes Montgomery's achievement in spreading her message through books such as *The Good, Good Pig, The Spell of the Tiger*, and *Birdology*. PEN Northern New England is the region's chapter of the international association of writers working to advance literature, defend free expression, and foster global literary fellowship.

Offered in the spirit of barnstorming tours by Dickens and Twain, the Meetinghouse Readings promote reading as the best possible entertainment and attract crowds of 100 to 150 or more. Admission is free, books are on sale, and homemade refreshments are offered by friends of the Library.

For more information, visit Meetinghouse.us or call series director William Craig at (802) 785-2030 or (802) 461-6861.

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Andover Lions Club News

By Jim Goody
Andover Lions Club

The wonderful warmth of summertime is finally upon us, which means the Andover Lions Club jumps into action. The spirit of volunteerism and co-operation requires that all members turn out for the fund raising activities.

Coming up is the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 10 AM at AE/MS. Pancakes and “bangers” will be served warm off the griddle, along with juice and coffee. If you listen closely, you will hear friendly banter between your neighbors, and most likely you will wonder how this hodgepodge of Lions puts it all together. It’s called *service*.

Later, on the Village Green we will be serving chicken fingers, fries, rings, and beverages from 10 AM until it’s all gone. Come on out, everyone, and enjoy.

One of the main features of the celebration on the Fourth is, of course, the parade heading out of North Street, west on Main Street, and past the reviewing stand, presented by none other than King Lion Bill Leber. Family floats, marching bands, the world-renowned Andover One Wheelers, and many other participants will enjoy the patriotic fervor.

A highlight of the parade is the Andover Lions’ Concord Coach Number 36, built by Abbott and Downing circa 1850. Perhaps you will notice some special passengers.

Scholarships

The Andover Lions Club has awarded three scholarships to local high school graduates. Congratulations to the following students:

Benjamin L. Berton, Proctor Academy, was awarded the John Thompson Memorial Scholarship.

Elizabeth W. Stearns, Merrimack Valley High School, was awarded the Steven Jewett Memorial Scholarship.

Jessica M. West, Bishop Brady High School, was awarded the Andover Lions

Club Vocational Technical Scholarship.

Lobster Bake

Once again the Lions are preparing for the annual Lobster Bake and Chinese auction on the second Saturday of the month, August 14, at the Proctor Academy Field House. Tickets are on sale now and are available from any Lion.

New Officers, Awards

The Andover Lions Club installed its officers and Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 year on June 23 at the club’s annual meeting at the Lake Sunapee Country Club in New London.

The annual meeting and installation dinner is a time to celebrate the past year’s accomplishments and show our appreciation for the work of the current officers and Board of Directors, as well as the members. It is also a time to commit to the new officers and Board as they are installed for the work of the new year.

The new officers and members of the Board are:

- President: Bill Leber
- 1st Vice President: Jim Danforth
- 2nd Vice President: Anne Copp
- 3rd Vice President: Ron Evans
- Secretary: Jim Goody
- Treasurer: Howard George
- Tail Twister/Tamer: Ben Cushing
- Directors: Dick O’Connell, Heidi Clark, Tom Schwendler

- Membership Chair: Al Epperly
- Immediate Past President: Eula Epperly

The evening of good fellowship included some awards for special achievements. Frank Haley was recognized as a Granite State Fellow by the Club and the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of New Hampshire. Howard George received a Melvin Jones Fellow from the Club and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Skip Powers was named Andover Lions Club “Lion of the Year” by out-going president Eula Epperly.

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Andover Service Club Thrift Shop News

By Gisela Darling
Andover Service Club

We are pleased to announce that we have extended the hours on Tuesdays at the Thrift Shop. The shop will now be open from 10 AM to 4 PM, the same hours as Thursdays. We have had lots of positive feedback, and we hope that the extended hours also mean more business for us, which in turn means that more money will be put into the annual scholarship fund, and we can also increase the support to local organizations.

Speaking of store hours: during the month of July, the store will be closed on Saturdays. In the summer, business is very slow on Saturdays, and it is hard to find volunteers to staff the shop on a regular basis.

Information for our consignors: Starting in July we will only take children’s clothing 4 (4T) or older for consign-

ment. Items for younger children have to be new (with tags attached) in order to be consigned. Other items only accepted when new (consignments only) are bathing suits, pajamas and nightgowns, underwear, socks, and t-shirts. Also, all items brought for consignment need to be folded or on hangers.

Please make sure that all clothing is in new or excellent condition. Items that do not meet our standards will be discarded.

We are always grateful for the donation of clean and saleable clothing items. Right now we are accepting clothing for the warmer season. Please do not bring in clothing with stains, tears, or holes, as we pride ourselves in offering good quality clothing to our community.

We are thankful for all the support the Thrift Shop receives from all our consignors, donors, and customers.

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NH Circle of Home and Family

Haleyon Seekers took a step back in time as we learned about The Great Depression, which began with the 1929 stock market crash and lasted right up to World War II. To add to the problem, the western US experienced a drought during this time, and certain areas turned into "Dust Bowls." President Hoover did little at the time to alleviate the situation. When Franklin Roosevelt was elected, he instituted a number of programs to get people back to work and stimulate the economy. The most far-reaching was the Tennessee Valley Authority.

It was a time when families and neighbors helped each other out with food, clothing, and shelter.

There were all kinds of cost-cutting measures: re-soleing your shoes, cutting wood for fuel, hunting and fishing for food, and making clothes out of old material and grain sacks. Many a child had "Gold Medal" printed across their homemade bloomers.

Nothing was purchased that could be raised or made at home. Farmers used butter for axle grease. We noted that today we are practicing some of these money saving activities as we cope with the present depression.

Meal planning became an art, as recipes were concocted out of fewer and cheaper ingredients. Bacon fat, salt pork,

and bones became the basis for many recipes calling for meat. Our hostesses prepared three depression desserts for us to sample. They were all good.

It was an era when you could buy a mail-order house for \$650. For a nickel you could make a phone call, buy a cola, or mail a letter and two postcards.

There was no TV. Radio reigned supreme with music, news, sports, soap operas, and programs like *Amos and Andy* and *Fibber McGee and Molly*, brought to you on battery-operated sets which you didn't leave on too long.

Autograph books were popular, with verses such as "Roses are red / Violets are blue / Sugar is sweet / and so are you." Signatures were works of art.

Burma Shave signs decorated the highways. These were a series of signs a certain distance apart with part of a verse on each sign. For example: Drove too long / Driver snoozing / What happened next / Was not amusing / Burma Shave. They made boring rides fun.

Much of the entertainment was in the homes with card parties, games, dinners, dancing to records, singing, and picnics.

We really enjoyed this program, as many of us lived through part of this era and could recall how our parents coped with making a living and raising a family.

Our next meeting is in September and is about apples. Interested? Call 735-5493.

ANDOVER HIGH REUNION

By Judy Perreault
Andover High School '53

We hope you'll stop by this year at AE/MS (the old High School) to see the new stage curtain and gym floor on your way to the reunion. Shirley Henderson Currier '54 will be there from 9 AM to 10:30 AM to show you around.

Some of you may want to don sneakers and take a few laps around the gym or practice some basketball maneuvers for old times' sake – then again maybe not.

Festivities start on Saturday, July 10, at the Ordway Recreational Area on Route 4 in Danbury. We'll have the sign and blue and white balloons out as usual.

Coffee will be ready at 10 AM, with the program commencing at 11 AM.

We start with the Andover Cheer followed by the pledge, song, moment of silence, recognition of classes, a brief meeting, and prizes.

Our four-star pot luck lunch starts around noon. We have great cooks. Of course we have had years of practice.

Bring your memories, pictures, and keepsakes. We will have the Mystery Plaque (see the story on page 17) on display.

We want everyone to limber up their vocal chords to sing one of our school songs:

*Glory to our school,
Loyal we sing,
Now all together,
Make the echoes ring for our school,
We are the winners,
We got the stuff,
We wear the Blue And White and that's enough.*

Sound familiar? Don't forget your blue and white outfit. There is a prize for the best one.

In case of rain we will meet at the old high school.

See you at the reunion.



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Danbury Grange Honors Members, Citizen Of The Year

Danbury Grange press release

The Danbury Blazing Star Grange #71 held a very successful chicken barbecue on June 12. Over 100 chicken dinners were served to a varied dining clientele, some from as far as Arizona.

A delicious half chicken, smothered in barbecue sauce and cooked to a turn on an outdoor charcoal pit, was accompanied by homemade beans, salads, and strawberry shortcake on fresh biscuits for dessert. This is the last supper of the season. The next big Grange event will be the Annual Grange Fair in September, the weekend after Labor Day.

Membership Awards

On June 17, Blazing Star Grange #71 presented membership awards to 23 people ranging from 30 to 75 years of service. Eleven of the 23 recipients were on hand to receive their awards. To receive an award, members must have continuous membership in the Grange either in Blazing Star or in another chapter.

Marian Jones from the Daniel Webster Grange was present to honor her friend Rodney Huntoon and treated the audience to a memory moment by playing some old tunes as they used to do years ago at Grange.

On hand to support their fellow Grangers as they received their awards were three members of the Daniel Webster Grange, two members from Baker's River Grange, and one member



Blazing Star Grange presented membership awards to (seated, l-r): Louise Huntoon, Sandra Daughen, Marjorie Huntoon, Phyllis Taylor, Marion Morse, Linda Locke, (standing) Rodney Huntoon, Richard Currier, Donna Sprague, Keith Daughen, and Terry Hines.

from the Pineconia Grange.

After a short business meeting, the following awards were announced and are listed here with their years of service: 75 years: Hillard Hiner; 65 years: Richard Currier, Marjorie Huntoon (Master of Blazing Star Grange), and Rodney Huntoon; 60 years: Dennis Dearborn, Louise Huntoon, and Phyllis Taylor; 50 years: Bertha Brown, Linda Locke, and Forrest Powers; 55 years: Arthur (Butch) Taylor; 45 years: Terry

Hines; 40 years: Keith Daughen, Alan Huntoon, Marion Morse, James Phelps, and Tricia Taylor; 35 years: Sandra Daughen, Donna Sprague, and Lisa Windsor; 30 years: Ann and James Dugan and Douglas Windsor.

Citizen Of The Year: Deb Phelps

On May 20, members of the Blazing Star Grange #71 named Deb Phelps of Danbury "Citizen of the Year." Her daughter, Melissa Suckling of Danbury, gave some background on her mother

at the award presentation. "For as long as I can remember, my mom has volunteered for many different organizations and committees. Though I am sure I could never remember them all, we will say that there were more than my ten fingers and ten toes."

Initially, Melissa remembered her mother volunteering at the Bristol Community Center, after which she became a Girl Scout leader with Leslie Dion when the local troop needed more help.

"When I look back to all of my extra-curricular activities over the years," said Melissa, "my mom has been at my side volunteering to help out in any way to make the group or organization a large success." Working with her husband, Mark Phelps of Winni Construction, Deb has supported the Danbury Grange for many years. She has also volunteered her time in the community.

According to Melissa, "As the years have come and gone, my mom has continued to devote her time to organizations that have involved children. When the Danbury Community Center was not able to find a director for a long period of time, my mom took over as the interim director. She has also been on the Danbury Planning Board as well as the Danbury Community Center board of directors."

In conclusion, Melissa remarked, "My mom has been one of the biggest mentors to me over the years for her

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Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum press release

Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum announced the launch of Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 700 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2010. Families can visit IndianMuseum.org for museum hours and upcoming special events. The complete list of participating Blue Star Museums is available at Arts.gov.

"The families of active duty military personnel are under a lot of stress emotionally and financially" said Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum executive director Shawn Olson. "I wish our family had a program like this when my husband was serving in Iraq".

"America's museums are proud to join the rest of the country in thanking our military personnel and their

families for their service and sacrifice," said National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Rocco Landesman. "I cannot imagine a better way to do that than welcoming them in to explore and enjoy the extraordinary cultural heritage our museums present. The works of art on view this summer will inspire and challenge viewers, and sometimes they will just be a great deal of fun."

More than 650 museums in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are taking part in the initiative.

Blue Star Museums runs through Labor Day, September 6. The free admission program is available to active duty military and their immediate family members (military ID holder and five immediate family members), which includes active duty Reserve and active duty National Guard. To find out which museums are participating, visit Arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums. The site includes a list of participating museums and a map to help with visit planning.

Wilmot Ladies Aid Society To Serve Two Dinners In July

WLAS press release

The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society (WLAS) will be serving dinner on two Saturdays in July, July 17 and 31, at the Wilmot Bandstand in Wilmot Flat from 6 PM until 8 PM while some of our favorite local performers entertain the crowd. On July 17 the WLAS will offer a complete chili dinner for the Long Tail Monkeys and Nick's Other Band concert. It will be a pulled pork sandwich supper on July 31 for the Sferes and White concert.

Known for their home cooking, the Wilmot ladies will offer complete \$5

suppers of chili, two sides (potato salad and slaw), lemonade, and a home-baked dessert at the first concert. On July 31 the menu changes to a complete \$6 pulled pork sandwich dinner consisting of a great BBQ pork sandwich, potato salad and slaw, lemonade, and a home-baked dessert. For both occasions, hot dogs, popcorn, and water will also be available.

The performance and dinner will both move to the Wilmot Town Hall in Wilmot Center at Route 4 and North Wilmot Road in case of rain.

Don't miss these fun nights! For more information, call Lindy at 526-6376.

FreshStart Program Helps Women Stop Smoking

LRGHealthcare press release

Beginning Tuesday, July 20, LRGHealthcare will offer the American Cancer Society's FreshStart Smoking Cessation Program to women at the new Caring for Women site on North Main Street in Laconia. This class will take place over two weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Tuesday, July 20 through Thursday, July 29, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

Led by a trained facilitator, the group sessions consist of four one-hour classes that address a variety of reasons why people smoke and gives partici-

pants tools to overcome obstacles and stay quit forever. The program helps smokers to identify their "triggers," or reasons for smoking, and deals with the stress that can often accompany the process of quitting their smoking habit.

Regardless of how long someone has smoked, quitting can decrease their risk of smoking-related diseases and improve their health. Smoking and tobacco are linked to cancer, lung disease, heart disease, stroke, emphysema, and more.

Cost for the program is \$25. Space is limited, so register early at 527-7120.

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volunteering and devotion to many organizations. I am proud to be standing here tonight to honor my mom for all of

her years of dedication and hard work as the Danbury Citizen of the Year." Several members of the community were on hand to honor Deb. Refreshments were served after the presentation.



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Cost Need Not Be A Barrier To Lifesaving Screening Tests

LRGHealthcare press release

Most insurance plans, including Medicare, will provide coverage for routine colonoscopies or other screening tests. However, LRGHealthcare wants to be sure these tests are available to all of our patients, regardless of insurance coverage.

To ensure that every patient in our community has access to the screening tests that they need to keep them healthy, LRGHealthcare created the Screening Bridge Program, through which patients who qualify based on financial guidelines receive the screenings they need at a minimal cost. Screenings included in the program include colon cancer and breast cancer screening as well as screening for indicators of diabetes and high cholesterol.

In addition, LRGHealthcare is currently participating in the New Hampshire Colorectal Screening Program. Through this program, for a limited time, we can offer free screening colonoscopies to patients who qualify based on financial guidelines.

Many people whose polyps are discovered during routine screening colonoscopies have no indication that there's anything wrong. That's why screening colonoscopies are so

important.

Colorectal cancer killed more than 50,000 people in the United States last year alone. In fact, it is the third most common type of cancer.

However, the good news is that over the past two decades, the rate of colorectal cancer deaths has been steadily dropping. That decline is a result of the rise in screening colonoscopy. This procedure doesn't just enable early detection and treatment of colorectal cancer, which does lead to better outcomes, but often, by removing polyps during the procedure, it prevents colorectal cancer from developing at all.

The American Cancer Society recommends that both men and women of average risk begin colorectal cancer screening at age 50. It is ideal for men and women over the age of 50 to get a screening colonoscopy at least every 10 years, or more often as recommended by their doctor.

If you are over the age of 50 and have not had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years, call your primary care provider today. If you have financial barriers to accessing a colonoscopy or other screening tests, please call the Screening Bridge Program at 527-7000 or the New Hampshire Colorectal Screening Program at 653-3702.

Franklin Regional Hospital Celebrates 100 Years

FRH press release

When Mandy Pickess began volunteering at Franklin Regional Hospital (FRH), it cost 5¢ to mail a letter, a gallon of gas was 30¢, and Lyndon B. Johnson was in the White House. That was 46 years ago.

"FRH was a lot smaller in 1964," she says. "My first volunteer job was posting the patient mail, but today, people aren't really in the hospital long enough to get any mail.

"But a lot of things haven't changed at all. The first thing we learned when we came through the door was that

patients always come first, and that is still true today. And back in 1964, the people here were my family – everyone cared for each other. Forty-six years later, that's still true, too."

This year, FRH is celebrating its centennial. After 100 years of caring for our community, this facility, which was once a little hospital on the hill, is bigger and better than ever.

But what is so remarkable about FRH is that as much as the hospital and medical services have grown and changed, the character, warmth, and family feel of FRH have persevered. Just as has been the case for the past 100 years, when you walk down the halls at FRH today, people smile, say hello, and call you by name.

One reason for that is the longevity of doctors, staff, and volunteers at FRH.

There are a number of staff members who have passed their 20 and 30 year marks, and a few who are even approaching 40 years of service. When asked why they stay so long, the answer you hear is consistent: "The people here, staff and patients, are my family."

"That is what sets FRH apart and what makes it a special place," explains Marcia Hansen, Vice President of Patient Care Services. "Not only does FRH offer our community top quality medical care, but it truly is a community hospital, and its doctors, staff, volunteers, patients, and visi-

tors not only feel like family; they often are family. The Three Rivers region has a rich history, and many families have been here for generations. Because of that, many of the people who are on staff here grew up in this community, and this hospital has been a part of the fabric of their lives since their childhood. That kind of connection, history, and ownership creates a warmth and a sense of belonging that patients can feel when they come through our doors."

That sense of connection certainly exists for Mandy Pickess. To Mandy, like so many others in Franklin and the neighboring communities, FRH is part of her history. "I came to Franklin in 1941," says Mandy. "Franklin Regional Hospital was my hospital then, and I'm still proud to call it my hospital today."

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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY (RHODES) FROST DIED **JUNE 12, 2010**, at the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House after a brief illness. Shirley was married 57 years to Wesley Frost of Penacook. She was born on May 30, 1935, in Sterling, Massachusetts, a daughter of the late Judson and Alice Rhodes of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Shirley worked for many years at Taylor Drug Store in Penacook before moving to the New Hampshire Sweepstakes until her retirement in 1997.

Shirley was an active member of the Penacook Historical Society and the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 31. She enjoyed reading, traveling, camping and being with her family.

Among surviving family members she leaves her son, Steven Frost, and his wife, Debbie, and their two children, Justin and Heather, all of East Andover.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Penacook Historical Society, 16 Penacook Street, Penacook; or the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association Hospice House.

SUSAN M. BEDARD, 60, formerly of Alexandria and Hill, died June 16, 2010, at home.

She was born July 17, 1949 in Laconia and lived in Alexandria and Hill before moving to Florida last year. She was employed by the New Hampshire Department of Corrections in Concord for more than 30 years before retiring.

Among surviving family members is her daughter, Cindy Howe of Andover.

BRUCE A. BARRETT, 70, of Monticello Drive, died June 22, 2010 at his home surrounded by his loving family after a six-year courageous battle with Non-



Hodgkins Lymphoma. He was born in New London on October 13, 1939, the son of Harry and Florence M. (Hunt) Barrett.

He graduated from New London High School in 1958 and lived in New London for 42 years and in Andover 28 years.

Bruce attended NHTI Manchester. He had been a meat cutter for the Warner IGA for seven years and for many years had been a master craftsman for Lull and Prescott Builders, where he and his father worked together. One project they were both very proud of was the restoration of the interior of the First Baptist Church of New London, which they were able to be

a part of along with others at Lull and Prescott.

From 1977 until the present he was the owner and operator of BA Barrett and Sons, teaching and working with his son, Chris, building and renovating many beautiful homes in the New London area.

He was a former member of the Elkins Sesquicentennial Committee and while serving volunteered many hours helping to build the Elkins Bandstand. He was Past President of the New London Lions Club, past member of the Andover Fire Department, the Sutton Ridgerunners, and the Andover Snowmobile Club.

Presently, Bruce was a lifetime member of the Andover Fish and Game Club, the Andover Historical Society, Kearsarge Lodge #81 F&AM of Andover, and the Bektash Shriners. He enjoyed golf, auto racing, and classic country and bluegrass music. He was especially fond of his grandsons' band, the Long Tail Monkeys.

Words to live by, according to Bruce, were "Don't get nervous."

He was predeceased by brothers and sisters George, Harry, Horace, Robert, Pauline O'Neil, and Elizabeth Palmer. Members of his family surviving include his wife of 51 years, Nance (Patten) Barrett of Andover; two sons and wives, Christopher and Jeanne Barrett of Potter Place, and Keith and Maryn Barrett of East Andover; four beloved grandchildren, Dabney and her partner John, Kimberly and her fiance Shane, Samuel, and Maxwell; brothers Donald of New London, Fred and Bette of Franklin, Massachusetts, Verne and Judy of Elkins, Sherman and Helen of Concord; sisters Pearl Fitzgerald of Sarasota, Florida, Ruth and Paul Gagner and Jane and Bob Shackett, all of Newport, Mary Jean and Frank Wibel of Omaha, Nebraska, Ellie and Linwood Hurd of Satellite Beach, Florida; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London on Wednesday, July 7, from 7 to 9 PM. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 8, at 11 AM at the First Baptist Church of New London. Burial will follow in Proctor Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Fish and Game Club, PO Box 253, or to the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, both Andover 03216. To sign an online guestbook, please visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.



The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, which meets in the Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy, held its second-ever multi-family yard sale on May 29. Pictured are Sara Smith (l) and Lizzie Klingler, who are pricing baked goods for the sale.

Annual Motorcycle Ride Against Cancer

BRENDA'S RIDE

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LRGHealthcare press release

Save the date! The Eighth Annual Brenda's Ride with Friends will take place on Saturday, August 21, and will begin and end at the Weirs Beach Lobster Pound. Everyone is welcome to attend, and all proceeds will benefit the Oncology Department at LRGHealthcare.

Gas up your bike, and join 12-year breast cancer survivor Brenda Ganong and several hundred friends on a round-trip ride to Waterville Valley. The Ride is just the beginning of the day's fes-

ivities – this year Brenda's Ride will be followed by a cook-out, raffles, and a line-up of live music at the Lobster Pound, to include the Eric Grant Band and the Tom Dixon Band.

"We encourage anyone with a motorcycle to take part in the ride itself that morning, but all are welcome to attend the post-ride event at the Lobster Pound," explains Brenda.

The cost to ride is \$25 pre-registered or \$30 the day of the event and includes food and live music. Starting at noon anyone can pay just \$5 admission for entrance to hear the bands. The Lobster Pound will be donating all net proceeds back to Brenda's Ride.

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Kearsarge Co-op press release

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The Co-op's birthday party is free and open to the public. Rain or shine. Bring your friends and family! No reservations necessary – just drop by.

Visit KearsargeCoop.coop or call 526-6650 to learn more.



(L-r) Sam, Logan, Max, and Tyler – the Long Tail Monkeys – played May 15 at Harold Martin School in Hopkinton for the Hopkinton Annual Fun Fair.

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LONG TAIL MONKEYS PLAN A BUSY SUMMER

By Victoria Shouldis

Concord Monitor staff

From the June 3 Concord Monitor

Some quick rock and roll fun facts. George Harrison joined The Beatles (then known as The Quarrymen) when he was 14. Michael Jackson began singing lead vocals with his brothers, the Jackson 5, when he was 8. Billie Joe Armstrong founded the band Sweet Children when he was 14, which evolved into a popular little act called Green Day.

Audiences may well be tempted to remember those numbers when watching Andover's own Long Tail Monkeys, a four-member group currently rocking the house in Andover but planning to conquer the world. As soon as their homework is done, anyway.

Long Tail Monkeys are also known as LTMS, which happens to be a cool acronym for members Logan Marcus, guitarist; Tyler Holman, organist; Max Barrett, drummer; and Sam Barrett, bassist and at 14, the old man of the group. The other three are 12. As seasoned rock veterans they don't quite fully agree on their history: Max and Logan chatted on the school bus one day when they were 8 (or maybe 9) about how cool it would be to start a band. But unlike most kids, they started a band. When they were 8. (Or maybe 9.)

As in all bands, there were personnel changes along the way as the kids worked to balance the music, schoolwork, sports, and the zillion other things that occupy you when you're 8. Or 9. Sam, older brother of Max, was the last to sign on, and with that consistent lineup, the Monkeys have been rocking and wowing. In fact, a sign made by a fan that says "Wow!" – with exclamation mark for emphasis – is on the wall of the garage in the Barrett house where the Monkeys rehearse.

As the guys offer a spot-on Led Zeppelin medley – a dash of *Stairway to Heaven*, a sprinkle of *All of My Love*,

and a few other dashes to make a tasty Zeppelin meal, all four get the spotlight for a minute or so. Logan coaxes a side of blues from his guitar; studious and soft-spoken Tyler does a long solo break, letting out just a bit of a smile, Sam plays a consummate bass line with just a bit of rocker 'tude; and Max thumps the joint with a drum solo.



The Long Tail Monkeys perform Monday at Merrimack Valley Middle School, and from there they've got a slew (a slew they'd be happy to add on to) of performances scheduled – but then again, summer is prime time for a working band. In addition to a couple of more school stops, LTMS will be at Andover's Fourth of July celebration and Springfield's Old Home Day July 10.

Max – the gregarious drummer who balances percussion and lead vocals better than Phil Collins – admits that he has been just a bit of a musical ham for as long as he can remember.

"When I was very young – I mean 3, 4, I used to stand at the top of our stairs, all dressed up in a cowboy hat and cowboy boots, and I would sing stuff by Kenny Chesney," he admits.

Keith Barrett – dad to a couple of the Monkeys and the de facto manager, life coach, and gentle taskmaster – hopes that this is the year the Monkeys find themselves on a significantly bigger stage. Opening for a big act at the Cap Center or Meadowbrook would work; a song or two before a hockey game down at Verizon would be more than okay, too.

All the kids manage to juggle the demands of the band with schoolwork and other commitments. Max, Logan, and Sam attend Andover Elementary / Middle School, while Tyler attends Shaker Road. They play sports, they like going to the ocean and sleeping, and Logan spent part of last summer selling hostas.

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LTMS from page 42

While the Monkeys may have started as something of a lark, they have evolved into an actual working band. They began as purely an instrumental band but realized that was limiting, so now Logan and Max have stepped up to do vocals. They listen to constructive criticism and make corrections, rather than storming away and pouting like some young folks (not to mention many adults) are wont to do. And they're getting old enough to develop their individual tastes in music, which means the music they offer audiences is getting more diverse, too.

Logan is getting into a bit of reggae, rap, and hip-hop, although he notes "I like rap and hip-hop not to play, just to listen to." Tyler likes country and classical, Max is beginning to discover harder rock and metal and has a special passion for drummer's drummer Neil Peart of Rush fame. Sam likes alternative rock, hip-hop, Jason Mraz and Weezer. He also appreciates fellow bassist Paul McCartney.

The four think the band has helped their friendships thrive – it keeps them working on something in common as other people in their age group may find themselves drifting away from each other. And fans – many of them female – are discovering them. Their videos have about 6,000 hits on YouTube.

Fame, the guys are finding, can be a little freaky at times. Tyler marvels at the stuff they've been asked to autograph.

"We signed bananas, one a fake one but then a real one! And lunch boxes. And body parts," he adds, realizing he ought to clarify that last a bit. "Heads, arms, shoes."

Sam has had his own particular travails. "Seeing girls screaming sometimes, it's funny, it's fun," he said with a hint

of a sly smile. "But never give 'em your cell number for texting, or your e-mail address. I've learned that. I've learned that!"

Barrett is proud of the Monkeys and walks a fine line, wanting the guys to take the time to develop their styles but encouraging every step toward presentation: making sure they all wrap up *Hello Goodbye* at the same time, or noting that they were maybe not exactly all playing at the same speed on *Evil Ways*. He also hopes that a time is approaching – this very summer, perhaps – when each guy wanders over to the rehearsal space in his spare time and works intently on his own musical skills. This, Barrett figures, brings the level of skill up for the whole band.

The band is also careful about the music – Barrett tries to guide them to songs that are going to be okay for a generally kid crowd, but he focuses more on helping to make the set list appropriate to the audience rather than omitting songs altogether.

"They do a thing by Kid Rock and it has some stuff in it, well, it isn't something they'll do at schools, but they'll do it in a more general crowd," said Keith. "I mean, it's rock and roll."

And rock and roll means knowing your job and making it look like it's not a job, which is something Max has down pat. He wears a headpiece microphone and focuses on his vocals, hitting his pauses and phrases just right as he thumps away on his drum kit in a different rhythm.

"I don't know – that's just not much of a problem anymore," Max said. "I know the drummy part – I know it, I feel it. So I can pay attention to the singing."

For schedules and other info – including direct links to videos on YouTube – check out LongTailMonkeys.com. Copyright 2010 *Concord Monitor*



Andover scouts attended the spring campout in Grafton. L-r: Joanna Seeley (assistant scoutmaster), Kyle Wiley, Nick Keniston, Cam Wood, Kathy Bennett (scoutmaster).

Boy Scouts Troop 489

By Kathy Bennett
Scoutmaster

The Andover Boy Scouts recently went on the district-wide spring campout in Grafton with other boy scouts from the Lake Sunapee area. It was a rainy and cold weekend, but the boys were able to complete the Pathfinder and Signaling merit badges.

Upcoming events include helping to move library books for their annual sale, raising the flag and marching in the Fourth of July parade, attending

summer camp in July, and helping the Andover Historical Society with its annual auction at Potter Place.

We have three scouts who are actively working on their Eagle Projects, the highest Boy Scout recognition: Cam Wood, Brendan Coll, and Kyle Wiley. We are very proud of their hard work toward this achievement.

For more information, please contact Kathy Bennett, Scoutmaster, in the evening at 735-6142.

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The Andover Firecats defeated the Sunapee Pirates in semi-final action on June 10 at Wadleigh Park. Pictured is Alan Thompson, pitching for the Firecats. On June 15, the Firecats lost in the finals to Warner.

Photo: Kathy Degrassie



Meet the Andover Slammers. Front (l-r): Kathryn Thompson, Hannah French, Sofia Weber, Lauryn Rivet, Alexis Cate. Middle: Colby Benoit, Shyanne Goodbread, Danika Kolesar, Jessica Lewis, Ainsley Goodwin, Katelyn Barton. Back: George French (coach) and Judy Casey (assistant coach). Missing: Alyssa Shaw, Ashlee Dukette, Britta Johnson. Photo: Lynn St. Louis

SLAMMERS TURN IN NEAR-PERFECT SEASON

By Trudy French
For the Beacon

The Andover Slammers 10U softball team had a winning season, ending with a record of nine wins and one loss. The Slammers dominated all season with great pitching, hitting, and fielding.

The team was coached by George French and assisted by Judy Casey. There were 14 girls on the team: Alexis Cate, Ashlee Dukette, Hannah French,

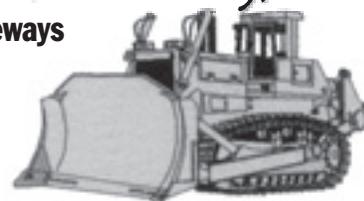
Britta Johnson, Lauryn Rivet, Kathryn Thompson, Sofia Weber, Katelyn Barton, Danika Kolesar, Jessica Lewis, Ainsley Goodwin, Shyanne Goodbread, Alyssa Shaw, and Colby Benoit.

In the tournament they also came out on top, winning all three games. The final game was played under the lights at O'Dell Park in Franklin against Twin Arches DC Beane. The final score was 10 to 7. Congratulations to the Slammers!

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Our U8 Andover Stingers softball team had a fun and successful season this year. Our 10 girls came ready to play at every game. We played four teams in the Twin Arches Softball League and one New London team. We also participated in a tournament, winning our first game but losing our second game to Rowell Septic. Overall we placed fourth. We had a great time with all the girls and hope they all come back to play next year!

(L-r): Coaches Linda Perry, Elizabeth Perry, Melissa Barton. Players Maddy Brayshaw (hidden), Emily Abrahamson, Jazlyn Perkins, Tori Braley, Haley Dukette, Ayla Caron, Madelyn Goodwin, Maddy Jewell, Katie Bent, Sadie Barton.



For the first time in recent history, the Andover Indians baseball team won the Kearsarge Valley Cal Ripken Major League Championship! The Indians went into the playoffs as the #1 seed, having only lost one game (to New London 1) during the season. They went undefeated in the playoffs, winning the championship game 5-4 against the same New London team.

The team was made up of 5th and 6th graders: (front, l-r) Curtis Chamberlin, Kendall Hoy, Reilly Walsh, Adrian Bolte, Carl Hubbard, Max Barrett; middle: Alyssa Smith, Brandon Richardson, Ryan Barton, Nick Stiles, Austin Marceau, Keith Davis, Matt Braley, Riley Anderson; back row, l-r: Coach Trip Stiles, Coach Jay Hubbard, Head Coach Mike Barton, Coach John Braley. Congratulations to the 2010 champions!

Photo and caption: Becky Walsh

CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Franklin Savings Bank press release

Franklin Savings Bank (FSB) recently announced plans for the bank's 17th Annual Charity Softball Tournament. This year's double-elimination tournament will begin on Wednesday, September 8, at Odell Park in Franklin and could run through Sunday, September 19.

Last year, the 2009 tournament hosted a competition of ten co-ed teams where Extreme Auto was crowned the tournament champions after a nine-inning game in a very close, 12-11 win over second place winners, Sisti Law Offices.

Others that put up a good fight for the good cause were Andover Swingers, Byron Septic, Chickering and Company, Dead River Company, Electrisola, Franklin Savings Bank, and Tapply Thompson Community Center.

Over the past 16 years, the Franklin Savings Bank Charity Softball Tournament has raised over \$36,100 for organizations throughout central New Hampshire. Nominations are currently being reviewed for this year's charity.

Last year, Odell Park was chosen in its centennial celebration year to assist with renovations and upgrades of the Tournament's home. Organizations receiving donations from the Tournament in years prior to last include: the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, local DARE programs, Franklin VNA and NANA, local Hospice programs, Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity, Make-A-Wish New Hamp-

shire, the New Hampshire Task Force to Prevent Child Abuse, the Relay for Life, the American Diabetes Association, local food pantries and community kitchens, the Aaron Robert Risley Memorial Scholarship Fund, Mix 94.1 FM Cash-N-Cans, local animal shelters, and the MacDonald Family Scholarship Fund. All proceeds are earned through the \$150 (per team) entry fees, concession stand profits, donations, and raffles with items donated by local businesses and community members.

Team registration deadline is Friday, August 13. Co-ed teams with teammates ages 13 and older interested in participating are welcome to inquire about registration with Franklin Savings Bank's Co-Chairpersons, Cheri Caruso or Gail Smith, at 934-4445 or by e-mail at MyBanker@fsbnh.com.

A significant amount of the charity donation comes from the annual raffle. Donations of items and gift certificates from community individuals and businesses are more than welcome and are currently being collected. In exchange for the donation, FSB will provide public recognition for donations.

More information and tournament updates will be posted at the bank's new Web site at FSBNH.com and on the FSB Facebook page at facebook.com/FranklinSavingsBank. You can also follow the Franklin Savings Bank Charity Softball Tournament on Twitter at twitter.com/FSBsoftball.

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Blue Storm Football Sign-Ups

Blue Storm Sports press release

Blue Storm Sports is still accepting signups from Andover kids for fall football and cheerleading. There will be three Blue Storm football teams and three cheerleading squads. Football teams include a third/fourth/fifth grade team, a sixth grade team, and a seventh Grade team.

Practices and home games are held at the field behind the Penacook Elementary School. The cost is \$150 for football (\$75 for third graders) and \$25 for cheerleading.

For more information and details on how to sign up, please visit our Blue Storm Sports Facebook page or contact us at BlueStormSports@yahoo.com.

Proctor Student Athletes Graduate To Larger Arenas

By Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy Athletic Office

Proctor Academy provides its student-athletes the opportunity to refine skills, uncover passions, and pursue excellence in a wide variety of athletic endeavors. The graduating Class of 2010 illustrates well the balance each Proctor student seeks to find between academics, athletics, and the arts while preparing himself or herself to compete at the nation's most competitive colleges.

While each year the make-up of Proctor's student body differs, one constant is the presence of tremendously talented students who either already have a clear passion or who are presented the opportunity to discover a new one. The Class of 2010 is comprised of young men and women who are now ready to pursue athletic excellence at the collegiate level.

Highlighted earlier in the year, Harris Williams (Lynn, Massachusetts) and Connor Toomey (Billerica, Massachusetts) have earned NCAA Division 1 scholarships to Boston College for football and Merrimack College for men's ice hockey, respectively, as has boy's lacrosse standout Oliver Moore (Skaneateles, New York – Mount Saint Mary's University).

Joining Williams and Toomey at high level football and hockey programs are Michael Hemingway (Newport, New Hampshire – Bentley College – football), Zach Spencer (North Scituate, Rhode Island – University of Delaware – men's ice hockey), Keith Buehler (Skaneateles, New York – Wesleyan University – men's ice hockey), Nick Tasiopoulos (Norwell, Massachusetts – Wesleyan University – men's ice hockey), and Nicholas Libby (Chelsea, Massachusetts – Wentworth Institute of Technology – men's ice hockey).

Similarly, Matt Quinn (Seekonk, Massachusetts – University of Massachusetts, Amherst) will try out as a preferred walk-on for the Minutemen baseball squad this coming fall.

Products of the talented women's

ice hockey team, Emily White (Falmouth, Massachusetts – Lake Forest College) and Taylor Weaver (Franklin, Massachusetts – Castleton State College) will both take their ample athletic ability to the NCAA Division 3 stage. Taylor will also be playing field hockey at Castleton State College, while her Proctor teammate Katie Lehman (Webster, New Hampshire – Hobart William Smith College) will also compete at the NCAA Division 3 level. Eliza Perry (Southport, Connecticut – College of Wooster), Katie's teammate on the Varsity Girls' Lacrosse team and a three-sport varsity athlete at Proctor, will be playing women's lacrosse at a highly competitive level.

Traditionally a perennial contender in NEPSAC Class B Basketball, Proctor boys' basketball team sends off Ben Bartoldus (Hillsboro, New Hampshire – Brandeis University), Patrick Donnelly (Toronto, Ontario – Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario, Canada), and Amir Tarif (New York, New York – Wheaton College) to share their considerable talents both on and off the court at their respective universities.

Proctor, once known as "the school on skis," has a tradition in alpine ski racing that is nearly as old as the school itself. New London's Sarah Cotrill will undoubtedly enhance Proctor's alpine ski reputation at Williams College following a year of training and racing internationally in 2010-2011. In a less traditional, but increasingly popular and competitive discipline, Bryson Lovell (North Kingston, Rhode Island) will continue his individual development in freestyle snowboarding at Westminster College in Utah.

Proctor Academy's Class of 2011 will return to campus in the fall full of both ambition and talent in the realms of athletics and the arts. It will be exciting to see how each student's unique blend of gifts evolves during the coming year and prepares each student for life after Proctor.

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AE/MS Track & Field

By Jim Tucker
AE/MS Athletic Director

What a great season the track team had this year! The students of Andover grades six through eight participated in many track and field events. The meets were held at Winnisquam, Merrimack Valley, and Gilford.

The team began the year with 25 enthusiastic members and no coach. With great support and volunteer efforts from several Andover staff members, they began their season with a lot of excitement. By mid-season the team had gained supportive coaches from outside the school system.

Nick Fairall, an elite athlete who just so happens to be from Andover, was first to join the coaching staff. With his background and expertise in fitness and training, he began to work with the students in regard to health and exercise. They learned that fitness was about the whole body and about making good choices to improve themselves. He helped them set goals for achievement on and off the track.

Nick was a natural working with the young athletes. AE/MS athletes and staff members hope that Nick will be a regular contributor to the school sports programming.

The track and field team was also joined by Jared Tiede, a former state level competitor. With his skills in the shot-put, disk, and javelin, the students began to see great improvements in their skill levels and self-esteem. They began to see what they could accomplish as an athlete with the right amount of practice

and dedication.

The final member of the coaching staff to join the team was a faculty member from Proctor Academy and parent of an Andover student. Buz Morison brought the team to yet another level. His experience as a cross country track coach proved to be an amazing asset. The students began to refine their skills of running, pacing, and how to motivate themselves to achieve their goals on the track.

The team did well all year long. Each member made his or her goal at the beginning of the season for events they chose to complete in. Most of the athletes surpassed those goals and have new "personal bests" as they look toward a new season.

"Success can only be measured by the student's attitude. At every practice and every meet, Andover participated with large grins on their faces and positive attitude," said Jim Tucker, Athletic Director at AE/MS. "I receive many compliments on what great athletes we had and how it was nice to see such great sportsmanship from not just a few students but an entire team."

The final event for the team was a gathering for the end-of-season track banquet. The athletes challenged the parents to events they had created for the occasion. The events consisted of sack races, balloon toss, hula hooping, and more. The event concluded with a pot luck dinner. It was a truly great celebration for a great group of young athletes.

Way to go, Andover Track Team!



Front (l-r): Heidi Terwilliger, Ashley Lucas, Nathan French, Danny Cummings, Nicholas Terwilliger. Back: Aimee Linehan, Hunter Heath, Abigail Heath, Frank Cummings, Charlie Reed, Michael Schamel, Joren Schamel, Head Master David Stepp.
Photo: Leighton Terwilliger

ANDOVER ACADEMY OF SELF DEFENSE

By Heidi Terwilliger
Andover Academy of Self Defense

Andover Academy of Self Defense held two rounds of testing this month for 14 students. On June 16, Ethan Reed and Jasper Redican both tested and advanced to Orange Belt. Ethan also moved up to the Tiger Class.

June 19 was round two, with Aimee Linehan and Heidi Terwilliger reviewing third degree Black Belt and Michael Schamel confirming second degree Black Belt. Nicholas Terwilliger joined the adult ranks with a first degree Black Belt and the first Junior Black Belt to advance to an adult ranking.

Charlie Reed advanced to second degree Junior Black Belt; Joren Schamel and Hunter Heath both confirmed first degree Junior Black Belt; Abigail Heath advanced to first degree Junior Black Belt; and Nathan French confirmed Ju-



Ethan Reed and Jasper Redican
Photo: Heidi Terwilliger

nior Black Belt.

Frank Cummings and Danny Cummings both advanced to first degree Brown Belt, and Ashley Lucas advanced to second degree Brown Belt.

Athletes Honored At Proctor's Senior Award Night

By Scott Allenby
Proctor Academy Athletic Office

Proctor's annual Senior Award Night and Commencement Exercises offer a final opportunity for the Proctor community to acknowledge standout senior athletes who have contributed significantly to Proctor's considerable athletic success over the past four years. Below is a list of all athletes honored during these end-of-year ceremonies.

Charles A. Jones Trophy – Awarded to the most outstanding male and female athletes in the graduating class. Emily White – East Falmouth, Massachusetts. Connor Toomey – Billerica, Massachusetts.

Athletic Award – Awarded to a male and female graduating senior for outstanding dedication, achievement, and ability in Proctor athletics for three or more years. Sarah Cottrill – New London. Harris Williams – Lynn, Massachusetts.

Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award – Awarded to two students in the senior class who have made the greatest

contribution to the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play. Marion Smith – Washington, DC. Keith Buehler – Skaneateles, New York.

"Doc" Howard Memorial Award – Awarded to a male and a female senior for sportsmanship on and off the field. Eliza Perry – Southport, Connecticut. Ben Berton – Andover.

Spencer Wright Athletic Award – Awarded for athletic achievement and sportsmanship to a male and a female graduating senior. Emily White – East Falmouth, Massachusetts. Ben Bartoldus – Hillsboro, New Hampshire.

Athletic Council Award – Awarded to graduating seniors in recognition of their outstanding contribution in Proctor athletics. Katie Lehmann – New London. Kerstin Middleton – Greenland, New Hampshire. Courtney Summers – Kittery, Maine. Jenny Galligan – New London. Zack Spencer – North Scituate, Rhode Island. Nik Tasiopoulos – Norwell, Massachusetts. David Murphy – Berryville, Virginia. Mike Hemingway – Newport, New Hampshire.

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AE/MS Honor Roll

2009/2010 - Third Trimester

<p>Grade 5 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carl Hubbard • Annika Johnson • Reilly Walsh <p>Grade 5 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Barry • Noah Berry • Hunter Bonk • Carli Eber • Cope Makechnie • Jacqui Morris <p>Grade 6 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley Anderson • Max Barrett • Adrian Bolte • Will Cox • Logan Marcus • Alyssa Smith <p>Grade 6 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Barton • Joel Beauman • Emma Davis • Brandon Jackson • Max Kolesar • Josiah Wagner • Ben Yusko <p>Grade 7 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia Barry • Kelsie Berry • Molly Comrie • Erin Hanscom • Shelby Perreault • Bailey Powers • Fiona White 	<p>Grade 7 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Barton • Thaddeus Bicknell • Olivia Blodgett • Vincent Bolte • Shannon Haley • Austin Hawks • Jesika Heath • Olivia Henriques • Tristan McNeel • Alyson Mullett • Hannah Munson • Eli Shedd • Nicholas Terwilliger • Amy Wittel <p>Grade 8 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haley Adams • Katelyn Ashburn • Trenton Bonk • Emi Morison • Skyler Smith • Maddie Trefethen <p>Grade 8 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Barrett • Devynne Dlubac • Brooke Ellis • Nathan French • Erin Frost • Jacob Hubbard • Emily Lance • Monica Newton • Tucker Peters • Rebekah Stearns
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son, adopted them, and Dickinson began what she calls the American half of her life. "I'm glad I went to Andover for my childhood," she said this week. "They offered me so much. It's a small-knit community where everyone knows everyone. It was almost like a huge family."

And that felt like her native home, Dickinson said.

Her family's Tibetan and Indian background taught her to respect elders and to devote free time to family. Meals are eaten together, and play time and "talking time" with the family is important, she said.

Dickinson returned to India for grades seven and eight to live with her parents and work with a tutor, but she has spent most of her school years here. She's put her dual experience to use, helping a Nepalese student learn English and study for school. And she will continue to do so.

Next year, Dickinson will attend Clarkson University in New York on a pre-med track with hopes of becoming a doctor practicing in Western and Eastern medicine. She graduated with honors yesterday and was one of three students to sing the national anthem.

Dickinson was one of 190 students to graduate yesterday and is among the 89 percent of the student body that will be attending a two- or four-year degree program. The student putting the most miles between Merrimack Valley High and college will be Joardyn Douillette, who will attend Arizona State.

Two percent of graduates are entering the military, and they received the loudest applause of anyone yesterday. Principal Mike Jette said that between community and college scholarships, Merrimack Valley graduates were awarded more than \$350,000.

Valedictorian Caitlin Kowalski noted that the class of 2010 grew up with the movie *Toy Story* and is graduating just as the characters enter their final chapter. She urged her classmates to imagine themselves inside Andy's toy box.

Mr. Potato Head, she said, represents the times they were bullied but overcame the abuse. The creepy toys are the times, she said, they had misjudged someone on appearance. And Woody is the greatest friends you've made, she said.

The students have grown up some but have much more growing to do, Kowalski said. She urged them not to forget the childlike wonder that made *Toy Story* a favorite movie when they were younger.

"While you might outgrow *Toy Story*, you should never outgrow imagination," she said.

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2009/2010 - Fourth Term • Andover Students

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| <p>2010 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timothy McDaniel • Elizabeth Stearns <p>2010 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtis Blodgett • Mariah Haley • Gary Mason • Kristopher-Morgan Ordway • Joshua Wagner • Cory Wiley <p>2011 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawna Barton • Henry Bendel • Rebecca Lance <p>2011 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Bentley • Norbu Dickinson • Katie Keller • Brianna Keniston • Emily Laro | <p>2012 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Rego <p>2012 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle Adams • Chantal Caron • Brendan Coll • Michael Donovan <p>2013 • High Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Ashburn • Mariah Lansdown-Howard • Marissa Laro • Kristi Perreault <p>2013 • Honors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Croteau • Jenna Davis • Shrief Elmasry • Alexis King • Daiquiri Przybyla |
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Sarah Cottril



Tuckerman Ferris

Proctor Grads Omitted

Inadvertently omitted from last month's article on Proctor graduates were photos of Sarah Cottril from New London and Tuckerman Ferris from Andover.

Sarah was the salutatorian of the class of 2010 and will be attending Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Tuckerman will be attending the

National Outdoor Leadership School in Wyoming this summer, then plans to take a "gap" year before attending school in the fall of 2011.

Kathleen Lehmann, whose photo did appear in the last issue, is from Webster and will be attending Hobart and Williams Smith in Geneva, New York this fall.

Congratulations to all on their achievements!

Proctor Academy Honor Roll

2009/2010 - Spring Term • Day Students

High Honors		Ben Berton		Andover
Sarah Cottril	New London	Jason Bicknell	Andover	Andover
Meredith Cline	Andover	Canon Brownell	Andover	Andover
Caleigh Erickson	Elkins	Kayla Dansereau	Andover	Andover
Tuckerman Ferris	Andover	Ricky Dansereau	Andover	Andover
Tyler Graf	New London	Breanna Davis	Andover	Elkins
James Hanlon	Andover	Peter Durkin	Wilmot	Andover
Will Henriques	Andover	Alexandra Folcik	Wilmot	Andover
Lindsay Hoar	New London	Caleb Frantz	Andover	New London
Amina Hughes	New London	Jennifer Galligan	Andover	Wilmot
Ilyena Kozain	New London	Megan Hanscom	Wilmot	New London
Kate Kozain	New London	Sam Johnson	Wilmot	Andover
Sage Morison	Andover	Madison Koenig	Wilmot	Andover
Madalyn Pfeifer	Andover	Emma Limburg	New London	Andover
Madison Powers	Andover	Sayre Limburg	New London	Wilmot
Emmalie Snyder	New London	Haley Peters	Andover	Andover
Rose Snyder	New London	Maddie Schiess	Wilmot	Andover
Kali Stevens	New London	Story Southworth	Andover	Wilmot
Sophie Viandier	Andover	Michaela Trefethen	Wilmot	Andover
		Kelsey Wilcox	Wilmot	Andover
		Andrew Young	Andover	
Honors				
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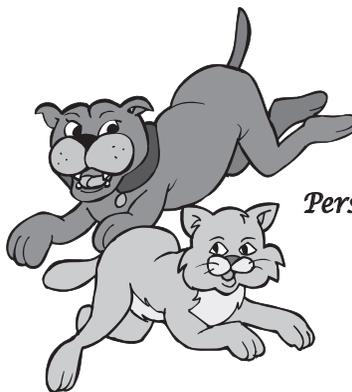


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bass a little old-school blues – *Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out* – followed by Alyson Mullett and her tender version of *Love Story*.

Will Cox and Max Barrett rapped their way through *I Made It*, and Hannah Veinotte sang a heartfelt *Breathe*. Brandon Jackson delivered a positive message with Michael Jackson's *We Are The World*, followed by Kelsie Berry's stunning *Beautiful*.

Next up was a musical comedy skit, *Pants On The Ground*, featuring Erin Hanscom, Kelsey Allen, Shelby Pereault, and Olivia Henriques. Thaddeus Bicknell threw a curveball with a lip-synched *Naturally*, and Emily Lance

overcame some technical difficulties to perform a beautiful *True Colors*.

Finally, Max Barrett and Logan Marcus sang a wonderful *Eenie Meenie*, followed by Brooke Ellis and Company with *Halo / Walking on Sunshine*. So much talent in one place in such a short time!

Now the judges went to work making some hard choices, and the "Math-ter Blathter's" calculator was blazing. When the dust settled, the results were: third place went to Alyson Mullett; second place to Will Cox and Max Barrett; and first place, your 2010 Andover Idol, is Kelsie Berry.

Congratulations to all participants, and a huge thank you for sharing your talents with us.

Grads from page 52

Merrimack Valley High School, Proctor Academy, and Bishop Brady High School. We wish the students luck as they move on to their new schools.

In addition to our eighth grade graduates, we are also sending off some significant adult members of our AE/MS community. Mrs. Hill will be missed day to day, but we know she will still be a frequent visitor, and we wish her luck in her new endeavor. Mr. Anderson is retiring, but don't be surprised if you see him back as a custodian substitute from time to time. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Wagner lost their positions through budget reductions, and we are hopeful they will find new jobs. Nonetheless, we will miss them.

The last school day was June 15. Outdoor field events were enjoyed by all. The AE/MS PTO and the school kitchen staff grilled burgers and hot dogs to be enjoyed with fruit and salads provided by school families. Snow cones were enjoyed by students, staff, and guests while they were entertained by the Long Tail Monkeys (LTM). Logan, Max, Sam, and Tyler were absolutely amazing as they rocked the enthusiastic crowd into summer vacation.

Kelsie Berry and Alyson Mullett wowed the group with their beautiful voices accompanied by LTM. After the entertainment, several students were honored for academics and perfect attendance. Following the entertainment and awards was the traditional seventh grade catapult competition. It is always fun watching eggs fly on the last day of school!

The eighth grade students immensely enjoyed their end-of-year trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. After spending the night in Connecticut, the students had a hearty Dunkin Donuts breakfast and headed off to ride the roller coasters at Six Flags before returning to Andover.

Whale watching was entertaining for fifth grade students. Although the sea was a bit unsettled in the morning, the excursion ended well. Lots of whales were spotted.

As always, the parents of the eighth grade students did an outstanding job decorating the gym and providing refreshments for the semi-formal dance. The transformation of the gymnasium was amazing! Everyone had a great time. The students and the chaperones would like to send all the parents involved a huge "Thank You!" for a job well done.

Eighth grade advisors Mr. Tucker and Mrs. Lemeris would also like to say a thank you to chaperones Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Slayton, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Keezer, Mrs. Hill, and Mr. Anderson. A special thank you to Ms. Connor for once again providing the music. Rock on, Ms. Connor.

Summer Math Practice packets were offered to all incoming sixth through eighth grade students. The material can also be located on the school Web site. Students will be acknowledged in the

fall for completing the packets.

Summer math tutoring is being offered. Twenty-four students will take advantage of this opportunity.

All students in grades six through eight planning to participate on any AE/MS athletic teams including soccer, basketball, or track must have a current yearly physical on file in the health office. If your child has a physical during the summer months, please send a copy to the school. Any student that is a member of the traveling unicycle team must have a current physical on file.

Registration for the town's fall soccer program for next year's first through sixth grade students needs to be completed by July 15. You can access the registration materials at MVSL.org. Call Alan Hanscom for more information.

We are already enjoying our school garden. Lunches the final week included lettuce, kale, and Swiss chard. School families and staff members are taking turns weeding over the summer months. If you are in the neighborhood, feel free to pull a few weeds. We are looking forward to the late summer, early fall harvest!

AE/MS staff members met for technology training the day after the students started their vacation. What sounded like a potentially long morning in the computer lab turned into an exciting training session. Smart Boards (interactive whiteboards) are being purchased for use in kindergarten through grade eight.

Every teacher at every level was excited about the educational potential for use within their curriculum. Students will certainly be caught up in the enthusiasm of this new technology when they return in the fall.

Mrs. Christine Frost will be the school nurse when students return in August. We are excited to have her join our school community. Mrs. Frost is currently a school nurse in the Winnsquam School District. She has worked at both the elementary and high school level. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Frost have been working together on the transition.

The school will be under construction most of the summer. Lead is being abated and repairs made to windows in the older building, and a new bathroom is being constructed near the kindergarten classroom. The usual cleaning, painting, and repairing will consume June, July, and August.

Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Monday, August 23. The morning class should arrive at 8 AM and the afternoon class at 9:30 AM. Children and parents will be able to visit the kindergarten classroom, tour the building, become more comfortable with the teachers, meet other kindergarten families, and, of course, *ride the bus!* Parents will be given handbooks and paperwork for the start of the year at that time.

The AE/MS school doors will officially open again on Wednesday, August 25, to welcome a new school year!

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Tenzin Dickinson Graduates From MVHS

By Annmarie Timmins
Concord Monitor staff
From the June 13 Concord Monitor



Salutatorian Shannon McNaught congratulated her fellow Merrimack Valley High graduates yesterday on reaching their next initiation – “the real world our parents keep talking about” – after traveling uniquely different paths.

It’s unlikely any graduate had a farther journey yesterday than Tenzin Dickinson of Andover, by way of Nepal.

Dickinson and her younger brothers, Norbu and Ngawang, were born in India and lived there with their parents until she was 6. From there, the siblings went to Nepal for the next four years to live with their Indian aunt and American uncle.

The reason? Dickinson’s parents wanted their children to have a better education than India provided, and living with relatives in Nepal and attending an international school there offered that, Dickinson said.

But Dickinson’s journey took another turn in elementary school, when she and her brothers joined their aunt

and uncle to visit their uncle’s family in Andover.

“We were coming here for a vacation at first,” Dickinson said. “And then we decided to stay because of political issues in Nepal. I actually loved it.”

The children’s aunt, Yangchen Dolkar Dhutia, and uncle, Jeffery Dickinson, joined their aunt

See Tenzin on page 48



The AE/MS graduating class of 2010 will go on to attend MVHS, Proctor, and Bishop Brady.
Staff photo: Bob Bussey

Summer Reading Opportunities

By Amanda Lauster
AE/MS Title I Teacher

School’s out! Let the summer reading begin! Here is a list of summer reading opportunities.

Scholastic.com/SummerReading – A fun Web site where students can log their summer reading hours, help with charitable causes, and possibly win a free book.

ReadWriteThink.org/parent-after-school-resources – Literacy activities and booklists divided by grade level.

ReadingRockets.org – A really excellent Web site, with a wealth of information about reading.

GuysRead.com – Tailored to boys to

excite them about reading.
RIF.org/Parents – Reading is Fundamental’s Web site.

BiglQkids.com – A spelling, vocabulary, and math Web site.

SpellingCity.com

HAISLN.org – The Houston, Texas school district has compiled a list of reading suggestions from pre-school through high school.

Andover Library Summer Reading Program – This year’s theme will be “Make A Splash,” with lots of books on water and the many uses and need for water in our lives. There will be arts and crafts, activities, and games. The program will start on Monday, July 5.

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sary. Any crops that are ready to pick can be taken home by the volunteers.

The garden could still use a few families, groups, or individuals who would like to spend time in the garden this summer. In the event no other volunteers step up, I will do the work myself.

Any excess vegetables will be donated to the Andover Food Pantry in the basement of the Town Hall and will be stored there in a cooler.

Not only is there abundant growth in the garden this moment, but there are many ways for the garden space to “grow” into the future, as well. More raised beds could be added, bolstering

yield and making more food available to the school cafeteria and snack program. A composting tumbler could be installed so that kitchen scraps could be turned into nutrient-rich compost.

Rain barrels could be added alongside the school building to catch rainwater as it pours off the roof into the courtyard corner (and boy, does it pour!). Finally, grants could be secured to facilitate more classroom involvement and supplement future years’ supplies and projects.

If you haven’t already, swing by the school sometime this summer and check out what’s growing on! Any questions or comments regarding the AE/MS garden can be voiced to Kat Darling at 724-4983.



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AE/MS student Katelyn Ashburn got a huge surprise when her father, who is serving in Afghanistan and had just arrived home on a brief leave, stepped onto the stage during her graduation. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

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AE/MS Crowns 2010 ANDOVER IDOL

By Paul Hubert
 AE/MS Music Teacher

It was just past high noon at 1 PM on May 21 in the AE/MS gym, and Andover's finest young talents were prepared to throw it down. Tensions were running high as the school poured into the gymnasium to witness what has become one of the high points of the school year.

The judges were seated at their table and waiting to be impressed. Some of the usual suspects as well as some new faces were ready to go. "Super Silverstein" and "Country Connor" (Can I get a "Yee Haw!" here?) were

joined this year by none other than "Awesome Adams" and "Tiedle Dee." The incredibly intelligent and wicked smart "Mathter Blathter" was set to tabulate results using her amazing calculator brain.

Contestants represented all three grades of the middle school. And when the beautiful new curtains parted (the team of Barton and Keniston behind the scenes), the show was under way.

First up, the whole sixth grade class sang a rousing version of *Sweet Caroline*. Then Logan Marcus and Sam Barrett performed on electric guitar and See Idol on page 50

AE/MS GRADUATES 24

By Jane Slayton
 Principal, AE/MS

June was a fast-paced month at Andover Elementary/Middle School, as numerous culminating activities were squeezed into the final month. June 15 was the final day of the school year for students and is an early ending compared to recent years. The fact that there were only two snow days this year made a big difference.

The kindergarten students participated in a graduation ceremony on June 9 and magically became first grade

students when sprinkled with special glitter by Mrs. Pellegrino. Parents and friends were greatly entertained by the students as they performed several songs. Cupcakes and punch were enjoyed after the ceremony. Mrs. Pellegrino, Mrs. Rogers, parents, and students went to Squam Lake Science Center to complete the last full week of the school year.

Twenty- four eighth grade students graduated from AE/MS on June 14. Next year those students will attend

See Grads on page 50



(L-r) Hawk McCord, Lilly and William Furtkamp, and Aidan Kellogg take a break from their busy schedules to enjoy the school garden at AE/MS.

Staff photo: Charlie Darling

School Garden Yields A Bounty

By Kat Darling
 Two Mountain Farm

Unless planted only with pumpkins, gardens don't just produce an autumn harvest, and the same goes for the small garden now in place at the Andover Elementary/Middle School. The six raised beds that were installed May 1 with volunteer help have already yielded great, fresh food!

On May 10, lettuce, chard, and kale transplants, as well as seeded carrots, peas, and salad mix were planted by school students on SHARE day. Less than one month later, the first lettuce was harvested by kitchen staff and was used in a school lunch. A few days later, kale and chard were similarly utilized. Less than one month from planting to harvest – now that's a good turn-around time. Other crops that have been planted

are several varieties of cherry tomatoes, including one called Strawberry in honor of its shape and color; cucumbers; pumpkins; and beans. More lettuce seedlings have also been planted where the older plants once were. This type of successional planting – planting new crops right away after mature ones are harvested – is key to ensuring that the garden will produce all summer long and into next school year. On a similar note, the carrots that students planted did not offer great germination and will have to be replanted.

A few families have volunteered to tend the garden over the summer. Volunteers choose a week and go to the garden once in that timeframe, making sure to water and weed where necessary. See Garden on page 51



On the third grade field trip, AE/MS students scurry along the rocky coast looking for crustaceans at Odiorne Point after visiting the Seacoast Science Center in Rye. Photo and caption: Teri Lee